

First War Poster: Miss Ann Rodgers of Philadelphia looks at America's first war poster, done by Carl W. Berlach as soon as Congress answered Japan's treacherous attack with a declaration of war. The poster is on exhibition at Philadelphia's A. A. Water Kent Museum.

AMERICA'S HEROES:

Died in Action—But He Sank the 'Haruna'

Capt. Colin Kelly, Three Other Fliers Cited for Heroism in Philippines

MANILA, Dec. 12 (UP).—America's roll of honor in World War II began emerging today from the smoke and flame over the Pacific, and the name of Captain Colin Kelly, Jr., led all the rest.

It was he who hurled a United States Army plane down into the blazing muzzles of Japanese guns and, dumping his deadly cargo of bombs at suicidal range, dealt a mortal blow to the 29,000-ton battleship Haruna.

Kelly, 26, a native of Florida, four years out of West Point, dived to victory and to death in the tornado of gunfire raging over the Haruna before the big battleship went down off the coast of Luzon to give the Allies their first resounding success of the six-day-old war. Kelly was married and has one son.

The name of the Army's No. 1 hero was not alone on the honor scroll. Already those of Lieutenant

'Proud He Did His Part,' Capt. Kelly's Father Says

MADISON, Fla., Dec. 12 (UP).—"I'm proud that he did his part for his country."

That is what Colin Kelly, Sr., father of the American flier who lost his life in crippling a Japanese battleship, said today.

"He always wanted to be a soldier, ever since he was about 12 years old," Kelly said. "He had always talked about aviation. Sometimes I thought he was too crazy about it. But I'm proud that he did his part for his country. He was a fine specimen of manhood and, I guess, fairly bright. That's how he got his appointment to West Point."

HAPPY HER SON A HERO

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12 (UP).—The mother of Lieut. Boyd D. Wagner said today she was "thrilled and happy" to learn that her son had emerged a hero in the Battle of Manila.

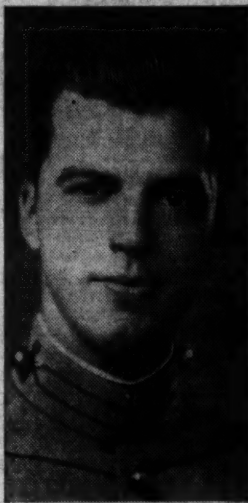
The news was doubly gratifying to Mrs. Boyd M. Wagner because, she said, it was the first word she had received that her son was safe.

C. A. Keller, Lieut. H. T. Utter, and Lieut. Boyd D. Wagner were on the list. Unlike Kelly they lived to tell their tales of exploits scarcely less sensational.

Native airmen, too, were getting in telling blows in the battle of the Philippines. Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander of the Asiatic Fleet, said they shot down two Japanese planes of 11 bagged since early Friday morning.

Six Philippine pilots of the Commonwealth defense forces attacked two formations of 27 planes each and downed two without a single loss.

The air forces of the Navy and Army split the honors in the first round of heroism. Kelly and Wagner were in the Army contingent;



CAPT. COLIN KELLY, JR.



LIEUT. BOYD D. WAGNER

Keller and Utter in the Navy. Accepted as a combat pilot in September, 1940, he served in Hawaii until he was assigned to the Philippines.

To a Navy pilot, Keller, went the tribute of spotting and shadowing a 29,000-ton Japanese battleship of the Kongo class, weaving and ducking through and around a drumming field of enemy fire.

With bulldog tenacity he held on until naval bombers under Lieut. Commander J. V. Peterson arrived and hammered home an attack that

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U.S. HOLDS MIDWAY, WAKE; ENEMY FLEES SEA BATTLE

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RETAKE 400 TOWNS, SMASH 300,000 NAZIS AT MOSCOW

Red Army Opens Huge Counter Offensive

ANNIHILATE 85,000

21 Nazi Divisions Are Routed; Tide of War Beginning to Turn

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Soviet troops, in a terrific offensive north and south of Moscow, have smashed 21 German divisions of almost 300,000 men, killing 85,000 of them outright, and have recaptured more than 400 towns and villages, the Moscow radio announced tonight.

In its most comprehensive communique of the war, the Soviet High Command revealed the whole story of the German drive on the Soviet capital, asserting that they were now on the run and that a new phase of the war had begun.

London experts saw in the amazing disclosures some signs of a major German disaster which might lead to a "second retreat from Moscow" rivaling that of Napoleon. Some observers advised against over-optimism but they agreed that the Germans were not likely to do more than dig in and hold a defensive battle line for the rest of the winter.

400 TOWNS RETAKEN
The communique named many of the 400 towns reported taken, among them Michailov, 60 miles due east of Tula, which is 110 miles south of Moscow.

It said the Germans began their final assault on the Soviet capital Nov. 18 from the north and south, attempting to turn the flanks of the semi-circular defense line running from north to west to the south around the city. On Dec. 6 the Germans were exhausted and the Red Army took the offensive, the communique said.

The following number of German divisions, all of them identified by number, were reported crushed or defeated: 11 tank divisions; four motorized divisions; five infantry divisions; and one SS elite guard division; also four infantry regiments and one SS regiment.

The communique, read over the Moscow radio said that two German Army groups had stormed the capital's approaches from three sides in an attempt to "occupy it" but "the Germans' holier-than-thou plan has miscarried."

"The Germans complain about

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Soviet Press Brands Japan Aggressor

No Peace Ever With Hitlerite Germany

KUIBYSHEV, Dec. 12 (UP).—Japan is doomed to "certain defeat" in the Pacific, the official Communist newspaper Pravda said today, giving the first authoritative reaction here to the new war at the Soviet Union's back door.

Earlier, Daniel Zaslowsky, Pravda's leading political commentator, said that "only jointly with Britain and the United States" would the Soviet Union make peace with Germany.

In an editorial entitled "War in the Pacific," Pravda said Japan's initial successes had decided nothing. The war

undoubtedly will be "long and protracted," it believed, but "the Japanese aggressor has plunged into a very hazardous adventure which bodes him nothing but defeat."

"In comparison with the United States," Pravda declared, "Japan is poor as regards resources of raw materials and her production machine cannot even be compared with that of America. It is sufficient to point out that the production capacity of American metallurgy reaches nearly 19,000,000 tons of steel a year, which is double the capacity of

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Congress Moves to Register All Men from 18-65 for Duty

British Destroy Nazi Regiment In Libya Sweep

Pierce West of Gazala; Capture More Than 600 Prisoners

CAIRO, Dec. 12 (UP).—British Imperial Forces in Libya have penetrated west of Gazala, 40 miles west of Tobruk, captured more than 600 Axis prisoners and destroyed the 361st German African Regiment, it was announced officially today.

"New Zealand troops from Tobruk yesterday reached a point just east of Gazala," an official communique said. "Indian and British troops reached the encampment south of Gazala, capturing about 500 German and Italian prisoners. They pressed on west of Gazala where another 120 prisoners were taken."

British General Headquarters here also said the Acroma Area had been cleared of the enemy. "On Dec. 10 enemy columns attacked west of that place (Acroma)," a communique said. "Much enemy transport was destroyed or damaged. About 300 prisoners and much material, including guns and motor vehicles, were captured."

Those Between 19-45 to Be Available for Military Services

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Legislation compelling every male between the ages of 18 and 64, inclusive, to register for military duty was rushed to Congress today as the nation primed its war machine for defeat of the Axis.

Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director, estimated that 10,000,000 men between the ages of 19 and 44, inclusive, would be available for Army or Navy duty.

The remainder of the 40,000,000 available men would be on call for non-combatant service.

Women may be registered later, war developments warranting, but this is improbable unless the nation suffers tremendous reversals. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has proposed a voluntary program for girls and women.

Under the program for males, aliens from enemy nations would not be called unless they are acceptable to the Army or Navy. Citizens

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CIO, AFL Act on Joint Parley With Industry

Murray, Green Convene Meetings of Officers to Map War Efforts

By Adam Lapin (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Both the CIO and the AFL scheduled special meetings of their national officers today to map labor's role in the national war effort against the Axis.

CIO President Philip Murray called an extraordinary session of the CIO executive council for tomorrow morning. The AFL executive council was convened by Federation President William Green to meet Monday morning.

In addition to many pressing problems raised by the war situation, a specific point on the agenda of each meeting will be the labor-industry conference called by the President for next week in Washington to work out a plan for the elimination of strikes during the emergency.

A White House statement declared that the "first and essential objective of the conference will be to reach a unanimous agreement to prevent interruption of production by labor disputes during the period of war."

The setting up of voluntary mediation machinery is expected to materialize from the conference as

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City Unsnarls Many Civilian Defense Kinks

Protective Apparatus Being Smoothed As Experience Grows

Civilian defense authorities, moving swiftly under the impact of war-time conditions, yesterday succeeded in unsnarling many of the kinks in the mushrooming protective organization and setting up the outlines of a smooth-working apparatus.

At the Mayor's office at City Hall, center of the far-flung city-wide civilian defense machinery, Councilman Robert Strauss was on hand as the various agencies. At 25 Park Avenue, where the Civilian Defense office has its formal center, Mrs. Sidney Borg was apparently beginning to bring some order out of chaos.

Throughout the city a new orderliness was beginning to display itself in the civilian defense apparatus, although by no means were all the rough edges off. But everywhere, it was noted, there was growing participation of the average citizen in the civilian defense machinery and a universal calm.

SMOOTHER OPERATION

"Everywhere I've gone I've found a business-like atmosphere," said a spokesman for the Office of Civilian Defense here.

Such kinks will surely be unlinked with the arrival of Mayor LaGuardia some time this week-end or Monday at the latest, it was said by civilian defense authorities.

Meanwhile, the Mayor has been in touch with his local office by long distance telephone and has approved many steps.

REVISED PAMPHLET

The pamphlet, "If It Comes," has been revised and has been ordered by various organizations. The New

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Blast Kills 8, Ruins Iowa Shell Plant Unit

BURLINGTON, Ia., Dec. 12 (UP).—An explosion demolished a three-story shell-loading unit of the sprawling Burlington Ordnance Plant today, killing at least eight workmen and injuring 18 others, many of them critically

U.S. Troops Battling Invaders On Luzon

British Set Fires to 60 Japanese Troop Barges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Hard-fighting American naval forces are still holding Midway and Wake Islands—Pacific outposts—and there is no confirmation of the alleged occupation of Guam by the Japanese. Navy communique No. 4 said tonight.

The communique: "Naval forces continued to coordinate their efforts with the Army on land, sea and in the air against heavy Japanese attacks on the island of Luzon."

"There is no confirmation of the alleged occupation of Guam by the Japanese."

"The resistance of Wake and Midway continues."

"No further air activity over Hawaii has been reported."

"The situation in the Atlantic remains unchanged."

"The above is based on reports up to noon today."

Attempted Japanese landings were repulsed south of Vigan and north of San Fernando, as well as at Lingayen on the island of Luzon, the War Department announced late today in its sixth communique of the war.

The text of the communique:

"1.—Philippine theatre:

"Japanese air activity continued throughout the day with raids in Manila and at Davao on the is-

AFL Workers at Guam Battle For Hand-to-Hand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—The American Federation of Labor said tonight that "on the basis of new information from authoritative sources," a group of American construction workers at Guam "resisted whatever weapons were available on the island and engaged the invaders in hand-to-hand fighting in which the American workers gave a very good account of themselves."

The AFL previously said it had been advised by the Navy that about 1,000 workers at Guam and Midway were "captured and taken prisoner" by the Japanese.

The AFL said that on the basis of present information "Guam remains in American hands."

land of Mindanao. Attempted Japanese landings were repulsed south of Vigan and north of San Fernando as well as at Lingayen on the island of Luzon.

"Operations of enemy paratroopers were reported at Tuguegarao and Itagan, in the extreme north and northeast in the island of Luzon. Some enemy troops were landed in the vicinity of Legaspi in the extreme southern portion of the island of Luzon."

"Previous reports of enemy naval concentrations west of Zamboanga province on the western coast of Luzon were confirmed."

"The commanding general of the Far Eastern Command has notified the commanding general of the Army Air Forces of the brilliant performance of the American Army and Navy fliers and the fliers of the Philippine Commonwealth in attacking enemy units with total disregard for their own safety."

"One spectacular instance was the feat of Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., of Madison, Fla., who successfully attacked the battleship Haruna putting that warship out of commission. In this destruction of this important unit of the Japanese fleet, Capt. Kelly lost his life. Another brilliant victory was scored by Lieut. Boyd D. Wagner of Philadelphia, who shot down two enemy planes and wrecked several others that were on the ground in the vicinity of Aparri in northern Luzon."

"2.—Hawaii:

"There has been no renewal of Japanese attacks on Oahu since the initial operations on Dec. 7, 1941."

"3.—West Coast, United States:

"Rumors of landing of enemy parachute troops in the West Coast have been thoroughly investigated and completely discredited."

"4.—Pacific:

"U. S. ON OFFENSIVE ON PACIFIC BATTLES

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 12 (UP).—United States air and sea forces

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After Rostov --- Tikhvin

Soviets Gaining Initiative On Many Sectors of Front

Moscow Press Comments on War in North and South Fronts

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)
KUIBYSHEV, Dec. 12.—The smashing of Nazi General Schmidt's army at Tikhvin, 100 miles north-east of Leningrad, coming right after the German rout at Rostov in the south shows that the Red Army is rapidly gaining the initiative on many sectors of the front, Investia, Soviet Government newspaper, said here today in an editorial.

The editorial was entitled "After Rostov-Tikhvin."
Soviet troops have inflicted a fresh blow on the Hitler invaders, the editorial said. General Schmidt's troops, who captured Tikhvin, have been completely smashed southeast of Leningrad. This new success of the Soviet armies is of direct military significance.

BATTLE OF TIKHVIN
Schmidt's group was operating southeast of Leningrad aiming to cut communications between the city and the Volkhov district, thereby tightening the ring and placing the defenders in a critical position. The Germans succeeded in breaking through and capturing Tikhvin. Soviet troops, however, continued to struggle for this strategically important point.

After 10 days of tense battles, as a result of daring and resolute operations, Tikhvin was not only regained but Schmidt's group was smashed up that it had no time to withdraw or hastily retreat and was compelled to throw down its arms and flee. Having recaptured Tikhvin, Soviet units under General K. E. Meretskov considerably improved the position of Leningrad and its defenders.

"But the significance of this new victory of the Red Army is far greater than its immediate results. Tikhvin was regained immediately following the recapture of Rostov. In the course of 10 days the German fascists have suffered their second serious defeat at the hands of Soviet troops."

SECOND GREAT BLOW
After the south came the blow in the north. The blow inflicted near Rostov finds its continuation at Tikhvin.

Soviet troops are actively taking over the initiative on various sectors of the front. The rout of von Kleist near Rostov found its continuation in Schmidt's defeat near Leningrad. Consequently there can be no talk of an accidental "error" of one Hitler strategist; such "errors" have a tendency to repeat themselves.

Simultaneously with the operations in the south, with the serious blow inflicted on the enemy on the Leningrad front, Soviet units are energetically conducting active operations near Moscow, Tula, Kalinin and in the southwest, that is, on various sectors of the front.

BEGINNING OF NAZI DEFEAT
We succeeded in stemming Hitler's avalanche. In spite of tremendous efforts the Germans have failed to achieve any marked success of late. Near Tikhvin the Germans were unable even to retreat; they were crushed, annihilated. All this is merely the beginning. It is the beginning of a great, difficult, prolonged, but nevertheless definite turning point in the course of the struggle.

So far on separate sectors of the front a beginning is being made which will eventually bring about what in the final analysis is inevitable—the complete rout of the enemy.

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put the big ship out of action. Wagner, of Philadelphia, lifted his Army plane from the field when the call came and sped north to the tip of Luzon Island, where the Japanese sought to land reinforcements under aerial protection in the Aparri region.

Half a dozen enemy craft challenged him. Two went down under his fire after a brief, bitter dogfight. Wagner headed to the enemy landing field and, dipping down to the treetops, spit machine gun bullets into Japanese craft on the ground. No less than a dozen were wrecked when his fuel running out, he turned back to home base.

After won the commendation of Admiral Hart for attacking three Japanese fighter planes at sea. He shot down one. Making a forced landing on the water, he taxied his naval plane to the shore and repaired minor damage. The next morning he flew back to his base.

MACARTHUR CITES HEROES IN COMMUNIQUE

MANILA, Dec. 12.—The headquarters of Lieut.-Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today in a communique:

"MacArthur announced with great sorrow the death of Capt. Colin P.

Kelly Jr., who so distinguished himself by scoring three direct hits on the Japanese capital battleship Haruna, leaving her in flames and distress.

"MacArthur takes pride in announcing the name of First Lieut. Boyd D. Wagner, Air Corps pilot, who so distinguished himself by his daring attack on the Japanese air detachment at Aparri this morning.

"When attacked by five pursuers, he shot two planes out of the air and machine-gunned 12 on the ground, leaving five burning. Wagner ended his terse report by saying 'my gas was running low, so I returned home.'

"The enemy attacked through the air this morning with heavy force. One hundred and thirteen bombers were counted. They were dispersed, probably due partially to overcast weather, and, divided into groups, bombed various places, including the field in Batangas.

"Our forces destroyed 11 Japanese planes. One plane shot down at Clark Field fell in the mountains. Some time later a group of mountain natives brought in three Japanese aviators trussed up like animals.

"In Batangas six Filipino pilots, undaunted by the tremendous odds against them, attacked two enemy

'All We Have' Gen. Chiang Pledges FDR

Will Fight Common Battle 'Until World Is Free of Brute Force'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a message to President Roosevelt, has offered on behalf of China "all we are, and all we have, to stand with you until the Pacific and the world are freed from the curse of brute force and endless perfidy."

The message was in an exchange between President Roosevelt and Chiang. The President through the embassy in Chungking sent the Generalissimo a telegram on Dec. 9, expressing confidence in inevitable victory over Japan.

The Chiang Kai-shek telegram, as issued by the State Department today:

"In this tragic hour when you, too, are assailed by the treacherous aggressor the people of China renew their gratitude to the people of the United States for the understanding and help that have been given us.

"To our now common battle we offer all we are and all we have to stand with you until the Pacific and the world are freed from the curse of brute force and endless perfidy."

formations of 27 planes each as they roared over the air field. Before the enemy aircraft broke formation and disappeared in the clouds the Filipino pilots accounted for two ships.

The six Filipino pilots who took part in the operations at Batangas included Capt. Jesus Villamor, Lieut. G. O. de la Cruz, Lieut. Aclan, Manlunas, Mondiego and Basa. Villamor's squadron downed one Japanese yesterday near Manila.



Planes Readied: Corporal C. E. Bailey loading machine-gun ammunition aboard a pursuit plane at an unnamed army air base in Southern California, where squadrons of fighting planes have converged for defense of the Pacific Coast.

Intensify Output, Say British Communists

Warn of New Air Raids; Urge Greater Efforts for 2nd European Front

(By Cable to Inter-Continent News)

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain, in a statement issued here today, warning that the Battle of the Atlantic will now be intensified and that a renewal of air attacks on the British Isles must be expected, called for the greatest effort of the British people rapidly to step up war production.

"The greatest intensification of effort," the statement said, "of every man and woman in the country will be necessary and a drive forward in production, exceeding that which followed Dunkirk, must be launched if the combined forces of the Axis powers are to be defeated."

NEW FRONT URGENT
"Japan's treacherous assault now lays bare the full scale of fascism's offensive for the enslavement of the world. But Nazi Germany, whose plans have been thrown into disarray by the counter-offensive of our magnificent Soviet allies, remains the decisive power of the fascist Axis. The need is more urgent now to establish a second front in Europe so that the British and Soviet armies can smash Hitler's war machine. Japan's new offensive is the price we pay for having let pass great opportunities during the past six months."

"We must have the full mobilization of manpower and womanpower and all the productive resources of the country without regard for vested interests. There must be a drastic use of emergency powers and state control to end waste, disorganization and restrictive monopolistic policies."

"A new approach is needed to win the cooperation of the peoples of India and Burma. The Atlantic Charter should be declared applicable to these profoundly democratic peoples."

"Overwhelming superiority of potential resources rests on the side of the democratic powers and once they organize production, and in unity, victory is certain. The Communist Party pledges its utmost effort in helping to achieve this great aim."

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Germany, Italy and the territories occupied by Fascism, and 13 times more than the production capacity of Japanese metallurgy which barely reaches 7,000,000 tons a year."

In reserves of manpower there is "no comparison," Pravda said, for Japan faces the united front of the United States, Great Britain and China.

The Soviet newspaper said the Japanese "treacherously and without warning attacked American and British possessions and the widespread simultaneous attack testified that the aggression had been carefully prepared beforehand."

"The negotiations which Japanese representatives conducted in Washington were manifestly intended to camouflage preparations for this treacherous attack. Japan resorted to the method with which the Soviet people is familiar from experience of war against bloodthirsty Hitler, who in the same treacherous manner, like a bandit, attacked the Soviet Union."

"The suddenness of the premeditated attack determined certain temporary successes of the Japanese armed forces. The Americans sustained rather severe losses. They lost a certain number of aircraft and warships. Great Britain similarly sustained losses. A not inconsiderable number of non-combatants became victims of aggression."

The newspaper said the results of

the first days of war in the Pacific "clearly demonstrated that the Japanese aggressor wanted to strike a blow at once at the most important strategic bases of the United States in the Pacific, as well as at the vital strategic centers of the British Empire."

"However Japan's initial successes can by no means predetermine either the further course of military events or still less the outcome of the war. The fact that Germany and Italy also declared war on the United States does not alter this situation."

"If Japan counted on the possibility of a 'lightning victory' it is for a disappointment no less cruel than that suffered by bloodthirsty Hitler as the result of his bandit attack on the Soviet Union."

Pravda predicted a "sharp intensification of activity" on the Chinese front and pointed out that Japan was "facing such a powerful front as that formed by the united forces of the United States of America, Great Britain and China with her incalculable resources of manpower."

Although written before the United States declared war on Germany and Italy, the editorial placed the United States in the front of the nations fighting Hitlerism and Italian fascism.

"Without being formally at war with Hitlerite Germany," Pravda said, "the United States firmly took its place in the anti-Hitler front rendering extensive assistance to the

United States. The United States made use of the breathing space afforded by the aggressors in order to develop its war industries."

Zaslavsky, Pravda editorial writer said:

"The Hitler gang is ready any day to sign a peace with Russia if only our Government would talk with them."

CORDIAL TO U. S. NOTE
At the same time the Soviet Government received from United States and Japanese diplomats formal notification that the United States and Japan are at war.

The United States notification, made by Embassy Counselor Walter Thurston, was received in what was described here as a "cordial atmosphere."

Adolf Hitler's war declaration speech also was heard here by radio. There was no immediate official comment.

"The Hitler gang dreams of peace with us," Zaslavsky wrote, "because the whole of Germany longs for a cessation of the war, foreseeing catastrophe. Hitler promised the Germans victory and deceived them. Now he promises peace and he is also deceiving them."

Zaslavsky said peace with Germany would come only after the German people banished their leader and his followers and "this peace will be only by agreement with Great Britain and the United States."

Meanwhile Soviet Information Bureau published a statement titled "Crooks and Sharpers from Hitler & Company's Gambling House," ridiculing "cannibal Hitler" for using the Russian winter as an alibi for the reverses of his "bandit hordes" and "army of thieves" on the eastern front.

Real winter has not yet come, it said, for as a rule the temperature has not fallen below three or five degrees. The advent of winter has been late, and "the real Russian frosts are still ahead."

Telling blows from the Soviet forces, not frost and snow, have pushed the Germans back, the statement added, and forced their high command to announce that large-scale offensives have been suspended.

"It is well known," it said, "that swaggers Hitler announced to the whole world that a solemn parade of fascist troops would take place on Red Square in Moscow on Nov. 7 (anniversary of the Russian revolution). It is also well known that on Nov. 7, 1941, a parade did take place on Red Square but that it was a parade of Red Army troops and not of Hitler's bandit hordes."

The fact is, it continued, "that the Hitlerite gamblers made an error in their bloodthirsty plans. Cannibal Hitler decided to choose a different corner for his pranks and left the eastern front for Berlin in order to disclaim responsibility for possible defeat of his army during this winter."

Argentine Communists Rally Nation to War Against Axis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 12.—The Communist Party of Argentina has just issued a call to the people of this country urging all aid to the valiant people of the United States, who are fighting against the "vile and cowardly aggression" of the fascist Japanese militarists.

The Communist call stresses the need for solidarity with the world front of peoples fighting against the Nazi-fascist aggressors and calls for an alliance of all the peoples and governments of the Americas for a common struggle against the aggressors together with the USSR, USA, England, China and all countries fighting to save humanity from enslavement.

The call reads:

"While the representatives of the military government of fascist Japan were in the United States with the purpose of deceiving the Roosevelt Government by pretending to reach an agreement to prevent war in the Pacific, the Japanese air squadrons, in a brutal, surprise move, were attacking the bases at Hawaii, Manila and Singapore."

CONTINENT MENACED
"This vile and cowardly aggression of the fascist Japanese militarists reveals the well-known Nazi-fascist technique, not only in the aggression against the United States but against the whole American Continent."

Call for Allied Solidarity, Warn of Fascist Peril

"Argentina must consider herself attacked for the reason that one country of the continent has been attacked."

"In this decisive hour for humanity, for the future of civilization, all the peoples of America take their stand in solidarity with the United States and its great President Roosevelt in the same manner that they have with all free peoples—the USSR, England and their allies—who are fighting to smash forever the aggressive beasts of the Axis countries."

MUST AID STRUGGLE
"The moment has arrived for this solidarity to be made effective so that these aggressors may be smashed rapidly and relentlessly to save civilized humanity from a prolonged period of Nazi-fascist horrors."

"In the face of aggression, no one can remain neutral. The neutrality policy conspires against the interests of our country and imperils the freedom and independence of our fatherland."

"Only blind and treacherous politicians can favor a policy of neutrality which cannot be expected from the other side. Not to want war leads nowhere; it is necessary

to prepare to prevent the invader from subjugating, invading and enslaving our country."

"The United States, as well as all nations who love peace, wanted to prevent war. Nevertheless, she was attacked. This aggression is an integral part of the Nazi-fascist aggression against the whole continent."

"Our country cannot remain isolated in this conflict from any point of view—political, geographical or military."

"Either we defend ourselves by cooperating with the great nation of the North and all countries of Latin America in the defense of the continent and the world struggle against the Nazi-fascist aggressors, or we shall become slaves of the criminal bands of Brown Imperialism."

"The most reactionary sectors of the oligarchy and the fifth columnists are pressing the present government to maintain pro-fascist neutrality at any price against the will of the people who want to defend the integrity and independence of the fatherland."

"In the face of this grave situation, the Central Committee of the Communist Party issues a fraternal call to the working class, trade

union and political organizations, all popular parties, all persons who love freedom and independence of the fatherland, and all patriots without distinction of parties, ideologies, beliefs or social condition, to unite to achieve national unity in defense of our threatened country and to second the continental and international foreign policy of Roosevelt which favors the freedom and independence of the Argentine people."

MUST TAKE SIDES
"At this historical moment each one must assume responsibility. On one side stand the people, all patriots, all nations defending the integrity of the fatherland in solidarity with the attacked countries; on the other—those who would sell their country, miserable allies of Nazi-fascism who want to surrender our country to foreign domination."

"The Communist Party calls upon all the people to show absolute solidarity with the United States, with the USSR, England, China and all peoples attacked by Nazi-fascism and invites them to mobilize to demand from the government that necessary measures be taken in defense of the country to protect Argentina from the brutal, treacherous

and surprise attacks to which the lovers of peace have been victim."

"It invites the people to fight to the end against the 'neutrality' policy which only benefits the Nazi-fascists; to take the necessary measures to protect our population against air attacks and above all to reach an understanding immediately with the United States and the other countries of America with the purpose of common utilization of military forces, naval and air bases and everything that may be necessary for continental defense."

"While all American countries have expressed solidarity with the United States, Argentina cannot remain isolated to serve as a springboard on the continent for the aggressors and conspirators of the Nazi-fascist Axis."

"Because of the passivity of the Government and its dangerous neutrality policy which only favors the Nazi-fascist aggressors, the Communist Party considers that Parliament, as the only organ of popular will, should, in special session, declare itself for a policy of collaboration and military cooperation with the United States against the aggressors. In this way, Parliament will be exercising its proper

right and interpreting the feelings of the majority of Argentine people."

"The Communist Party has faith, just as the whole Argentine people, in the country's democratic and liberal traditions, and faith that the Argentine Army will be ready to cooperate fully for the defense of the Fatherland together with those who are fighting for freedom in all the countries of the world."

"Argentine citizens! The independence of our fatherland is in danger! Do not relax your vigilance. Do not be taken by surprise!"

"On guard against the activities of the fifth column which operates in connection with the foreign aggressor!"

"Everything for the valiant people of the United States! Long live the alliance of all peoples and governments of America for the common struggle against Nazi-fascist aggressors! Long live Argentine participation in the world front of free people who are fighting against Nazi-fascist aggressors! Long live the USSR, the United States, England, China and all countries which are fighting to save humanity from the Nazi-fascist enslavement! Long live national unity of the Argentine patriots in defense of liberty and independence of the fatherland! Long live Argentina!"

On the War Fronts

(AS OF DECEMBER 11th)

BY A VETERAN COMMANDER

Well, four Japanese warships, among them are two battleships, have been sunk or damaged by U. S. fliers. This does not quite even up the score as far as the loss of the "Prince of Wales" and the "Repulse" is concerned, but it does greatly improve things. One of the immediate consequences was the refusal of the Japanese battle fleet to accept the challenge of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet yesterday. But more about this tomorrow.

At this writing the Japanese are attempting a series of landings on Luzon with the object of eventually reducing Manila. They have established beach-heads on both north and south extremities of the island. Unfortunately, they seem to have captured the airport at Ilagan which would give them an air base only 200 miles from Manila. However, if the U. S. Air Force and Fleet can prevent the Japanese Navy from messing around Luzon, these Japanese forces will be liquidated by General MacArthur's troops. Indications are that this will be the case.

No news from the Malayan front.

The Chinese are attacking near Canton in order to relieve Hongkong where the Japanese have paused in their attacks.

An action, small in scope, but enormous in terms of military valor is being fought by U. S. Marines on Wake Island. Their handful of planes has sunk a Japanese light cruiser and a destroyer. The Leathernecks have repelled three attempts at landing by the enemy. This is in the best tradition of that remarkable service.

The Soviet offensive is developing on an even increasing number of sectors.

Marshal Timoshenko is working on the German salient Slaviansk-Makeyevka-Stalino before tackling Kharkov.

Along the Sea of Azov his left column is holding the Mius River west of Taganrog, while his right column has swung around Mariupol and is already within medium artillery range of the Sea of Azov. This puts the Germans in the Taganrog-Mariupol pocket into a very difficult position.

On the Moscow front the Soviet troops are continuing to advance. At Kalinin the German positions have been pierced in three places. Near Tula two German mechanized divisions are almost surrounded and a battle of annihilation is in preparation near Uslavaya which means that Guderian's spearhead which pushed to Skopin, 80 miles east of Uslavaya, is cut off (General Guderian has ample opportunity to prove his highly complimentary opinion of the Soviet Tank Force, as voiced back in 1935).

The German failure is attested to at Moscow by the "sacking" of Field-Marshal Fedor von Bock, which is now official, from Berlin.

The Tula-Moscow road has been cleared of Germans and the Soviet troops have advanced west of the Oka in the general direction of Kaluga. If pressed this maneuver will unhinge the entire right flank of Field-Marshal von List (von Bock's successor). In the Crimea Soviet troops have captured the eastern outskirts of Kerch and have made a massive and successful sortie from Sebastopol, capturing new positions.

A strong push by Soviet troops on the Leningrad front has brought them to the deadwaters of the Pechenga (good news, although the name is a little difficult to pronounce). This is a tributary of the Volkhov and its headwaters are some 50 miles south of Lake Ladoga. The push was made in a south-westerly direction, that is it came from Ladoga. This means that the remnants of von Schmidt's Army in the woods around Tikhvin are cooked and will never cross the Volkhov.

Thus we see that six counter-offensives are merging into a general counter offensive.

The British are slowly frittering away Rommel's panzer-forces around El Adem.

Senate Passes 10½ Billion Arms Measure

Ships, Guns, Planes to Be Built; House to Act on Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Senate tonight passed by voice vote America's first wartime money bill—a huge \$10,572,350,000 supplemental appropriation to provide more ships, more guns and more planes for a nation engaged in a two front war.

The measure—raising the government's total stake in the war against the Axis to \$60,000,000,000—was approved 83-14.

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Curran Calls On Maritime Leaders for Joint Parley

Labor - Gov't Conference Is Set for Dec. 17

In preparation for a joint labor-industry-government conference to be held in Washington, Dec. 17 for the purpose of working out an effective merchant marine program for the war effort, Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, has called upon leaders of Atlantic and Pacific coast maritime unions to convene one day prior to the conference so that they can pool their ideas and proposals in a common program.

An airmail letter was sent by Mr. Curran yesterday to Eugene Burke, Secretary of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Association of the Pacific; V. J. Malone, Secretary of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Water-tenders and Wipers of the Pacific; Harry Lundberg, Secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific; John Hawkes, Secretary of the Seafarers International Union; and Captain John Fox, Acting President, Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific. The letter said:

"The proposals advanced by both the AFL and CIO call for a conference of Government, management and labor jointly to work out the most practical and effective program for our National Defense and prosecution of the war against the enemies of our country.

"The role of labor in this conference is naturally, not only to contribute its full share towards production, etc., but also to insure that the rights of labor are protected at the same time. It therefore follows that the maritime unions can best contribute at this conference and, at the same time, protect the rights of the workers by drafting a joint program.

"In order to accomplish this, it is absolutely necessary that the maritime unions meet previous to the conference and contribute all their ideas, in order to present the best possible program before this conference of Government, management and labor. Whatever differences that may have existed in the past are absolutely unimportant in the face of the grave danger facing the country as a whole, as well as the entire trade union movement."

Springfield Arms Workers Pledge More Production

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 12.—Workers of the Springfield Arsenal held a meeting here after news of Japan's ally attack upon the United States and sent messages to Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson and Brig.-Gen. Gilbert H. Stewart, arsenal commandant, promising greater munitions production to help defeat the enemy.

The employees were addressed by Lieut. Cassidy, corps area intelligence officer for the Springfield district who discussed methods by which the workers can aid in the prevention of sabotage. The arsenal is working full blast and employs 9,000 on three shifts.

Shipbuilding Talks Urge Work For Every Man

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Work for every man in the all-out conflict with the Axis, was proposed at a joint meeting of Baltimore and New York locals of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers and the Office of Production Management and Maritime Commission, this week in an effort to prevent unnecessary layoffs.

The locals protested the layoffs at Bethlehem yards and made a number of proposals including provisions for spreading repair work and setting up centralized, union-controlled labor supply bureaus.

Queens College Student Form Air Raid Council

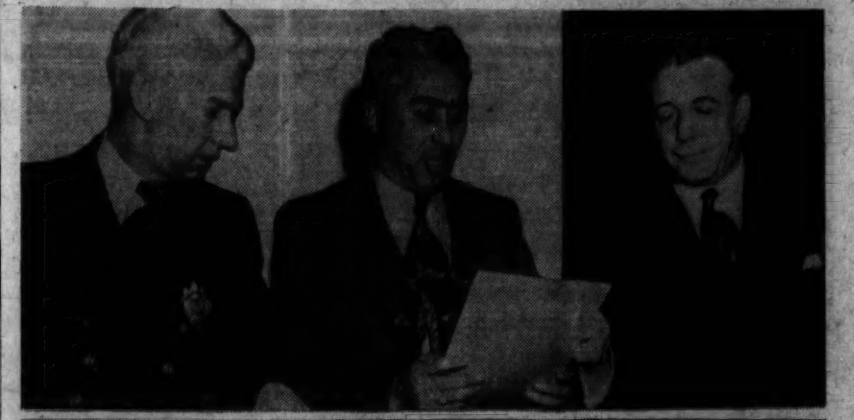
One hundred students and faculty members of Queens College yesterday formed into a committee for defense which will serve as instructors in civilian air raid and fire warden work throughout Queens.

Ninety per cent of the college faculty and staff and 80 per cent of the student body have already enrolled in air-raid and fire warden work.

Darcy to Talk Today on War at Workers School

Analyzing the strategy of the war against the Axis by America and the democratic powers, Sam Darcy will lecture on "The Outlook for the War" today at 2:30 P. M. at the Workers School, 50 E. 12th St. Mr. Darcy will survey the military, economic and political perspectives, emphasizing the new problems created by the events of the past week.

Unions Speed Civilian Defense



Meeting of the Fur Workers Union here mapped plans for civilian defense when they met with police and defense officials. Top photo shows (l. to r.): Capt. William Smith of the 14th Precinct, Furriers Joint Council manager Joseph Winogradsky, and John P. Pringle, manager of the Hotel Imperial and Zone Air Warden for the fur market area, as they confer. (Below): a view of the furriers' meeting.

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The union machinery of more than 1,000 shop chairmen of the Furriers Joint Council will constitute the network of air-raid wardens and civilian defense in the downtown fur industry area.

Local 65 Acts On Civilian Aid Machinery

Garden Rally Jan. 12 to Be Climax of All-Out War Contributions

More than 500 shop stewards representing the 16,000 members of Local 65, Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, CIO, Thursday night established the union's civilian defense machinery at Webster Hall and prepared to put full strength behind the campaign for victory.

"Every shop steward a civilian defense leader," is the slogan to which the union's drive was released.

The shop stewards, one for each 25 members, constitute the dynamo that drove the union's achievement to unprecedented heights in the recent period.

The union's Civilian Defense plan was approved after a report by President Arthur Osman on the stirring events since Pearl Harbor was bombed and a discussion from the floor followed.

GARDEN RALLY JAN. 12 The union expects to reach a climax in its war work by Jan. 12 when it will hold a gigantic installation rally for officers at Madison Square Garden.

"Thanks to the fact that we have been able to unite such a large number of workers in the industry," said Kenneth Sherbell, during the discussion, "we are now able to unite them for support of the war."

Jack Palley, recreation director of the union, said the union's \$25,000 drive to aid countries fighting Hitler should be completed by Jan. 12. He outlined an objective of every member being involved in some phase of war work.

Industry Defense Aid Mapped by District 50

UMW Chemical Unit Rallies on Civilian Defense; 1,000 Cheer Drafted Leader

More than 1,000 members at a meeting of Chemical and Drug Division, District 50, United Mine Workers, Local 12165, at Irving Plaza Thursday, set in motion machinery for a civilian defense network in 35 plants and bid good-bye to their drafted business agent Rudolph Skrek.

The members gave unanimous and enthusiastic approval to the union's Civilian Defense Committee program outlined by field Representative Sam Machlis.

A talk on the problems of air-raid precautions was given by Dr. Barry Commner of the Office of Civilian Defense.

CIVILIAN MACHINERY Machlis reported that a Civilian Defense Committee of the local will have four sub-divisions to direct; home and factory defense, seeing to it that every member joins one of the services; press for higher war production and investigate every possibility to conversion from civilian to war work; to aid all USO activities, help members enlist; promote the training of girls in first aid, push sales of defense bonds and place unemployed in war work.

Machlis said that the union will seek to initiate employers a "miniature Murray plan" in each factory—a joint council that would promote higher production.

King George, FDR Exchange Unity Messages

Pledge Full Efforts in Common Cause for Ultimate Victory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Messages have been exchanged between King George VI of Britain and President Roosevelt expressing determined cooperation in a common cause and confidence of ultimate victory.

The King's message was dated London, Dec. 10, and was announced at the State Department as follows:

"The President (most immediate):

"My thoughts and prayers go out to you and to the great people of the United States at this solemn moment in your history when you have been treacherously attacked by Japan. We are proud indeed to be fighting at your side against the common enemy. We share your inflexible determination and your confidence that with God's help the powers of darkness will be overcome and the Four Freedoms established throughout a world purged of tyranny."

The President's telegram:

"His Majesty, King George, London:

"Thank you most deeply for your message. Our two nations are now full comrades in arms. The courage which your people have shown in two long years of war inspires us as we join the struggle. The forces which have plunged the world in war, however strong, cannot prevail against the indomitable strength of free people fighting in a just cause. May God guide us through whatever trials are yet to come and speed the day of victory."

Bell Aircraft Workers Granted \$700,000 Back Pay

Thomas E. Murray, arbitrator in the wage dispute affecting 11,000 employees of the Bell Aircraft Corp. manufacturers of the Airacobra pursuit plane, granted a 13½ cent hourly increase for all employees and a 65 cent hourly minimum.

The wage raise is retroactive to Sept. 2, when negotiations opened. The back wages amounting to more than \$700,000 will be paid all employees in a lump sum on Christmas.

The union originally demanded a blanket 20-cent hourly increase. The total annual wage raise will amount to more than \$3,000,000.

The workers are members of the United Automobile Workers, CIO. Richard T. Frankenstein, director of the union's aviation division, pointed out that not an hour's time was lost due to labor disputes since 1937.

Free Browder Movement Sweeps Washington State

CIO, AFL, Rail Union, Civic, Political Heads Form Committee; Appeal to FDR

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Formation of state-wide committee to free Earl Browder was announced here as the national campaign for release of America's No. 1 anti-fascist gathered momentum.

Lenus Westman of Cisco Heights, Snohomish County, forwarded a letter to President Roosevelt and Chairman Tom Mooney on behalf of the committee.

Westman, who was elected to the Washington state senate by an overwhelming majority, was barred from his seat by a reactionary state clique in the 1941 state legislature because he had once been a member of the Communist Party.

Westman, who had shifted his political affiliation from the Communist to the Democratic Party, conducted a stubborn fight for the office to which he was elected by the voters of the 39th legislative district.

LETTER TO PRESIDENT In behalf of the committee, Westman addressed the following letter to President Roosevelt:

"We respectfully request, Mr. President, that you release Earl Browder by executive action. He has already paid a fine of \$2,000 and on Sept. 25 had completed six months in prison. The time that Earl Browder has already served far exceeds sentences generally imposed in passport cases."

"We do not consider Mr. Browder's views an issue in this case. In this great world emergency it

would contribute to the unity necessary to assure the destruction of Nazi tyranny if you would free Earl Browder," Westman concluded.

In a letter to Tom Mooney announcing formation of the state-wide committee for the freedom of Earl Browder, Westman said:

"It is a pleasure for us to join with you in working for the freedom of Earl Browder who has demonstrated his opposition to Hitlerism."

"We look forward to the time in the very near future when Earl Browder will be returned to the ranks of the working class to join in the nation's united effort for the destruction of Hitlerism."

The committee includes: Conrad Expe, international vice president United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America (CIO) and business agent Cannery Workers Local 7; Fred Rollands,

trustee, Building Service Employees Local 6 (AFL); Chas. Jensen, state legislative director Brotherhood Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; Bert Dowell, president Luggage Workers (AFL); J. Stevens, secretary International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO) Local 1-9; Adrian Lawrence, president ILWU, Local 1-9; Reginald Atwell, field patrolman Seattle branch National Maritime Union (CIO); Micky Quinn, president Ship Stewards (AFL) Local 589; E. V. Dennett, Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific (CIO); Karly Larsen, president Northern Washington district council International Woodworkers of America (CIO); Carl Green, financial secretary United Furniture Workers (CIO) Local 1007; Alice Balmer, secretary United Office & Professional Workers of America (CIO); Glenn Kinney, delegate Washington Machineists Council (AFL); and Joseph P. Jurich, international president International Fishermen & Allied Workers of America (CIO), all of Seattle.

O. P. Allison, Singleweavers Union (AFL) Local 2546, Olympia; John Perry, Hoquiam Eagles and Shingleweavers Union, Hoquiam; Ted Dokter, International Woodworkers of America (CIO); and Claude Smith, organizer Die Casting Workers (CIO) Vancouver; all of Southwest Washington.

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'Defend U.S.' Labor Rally At Garden On Monday

London Council Head Joins Speakers; AFL Invited

A. Emil Davies, President of the London County Council, has been added to the list of principal speakers for the big Defend America Labor Rally to be held at Madison Square Garden Monday evening.

Mr. Davies' knowledge of defense against air raids is expected to be of particular interest to newly-arrived New Yorkers.

President Joseph Curran of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO, announced as further additions to the list of speakers, National Secretary Anna M. Rosenberg of the Office of Civilian Defense, Charles Kerrigan, New York Regional Director of the United Automobile Workers; James McLeish, President of the New York and New Jersey District of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, and Michael J. Quill, President of the Transport Workers Union.

Speakers previously announced by Mr. Curran include Former Postmaster General James A. Farley, Lieutenant-Governor Charles Poletti, The Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., City Councilman-Elect.

AFL INVITED

"The CIO has invited members of the AFL as well as all the people, to join in this great rally," Mr. Curran said. "We already have plentiful indication that the response to the invitation will show beyond any question that labor and the people are united as never before behind this grave struggle to defend America and smash fascism."

Plans for the big Labor Rally were projected after Japan's attack and America's declaration of war. It is the first time a Madison Square Garden meeting has been undertaken with only six days preparation.

Labor's determination to use everything it has to win the war was indicated when some 700 CIO officials met Thursday to lay final plans for the rally. They characterized as "criminal" any lagging or failure to utilize every talent and strength for victory against the Axis aggressors.

This sentiment will be echoed and multiplied at Monday's demonstration as the members of New York's 250 CIO unions, along with AFL members and other people, seek to show the world that New York is in the forefront for national unity.

Polish Envoy to Speak At Labor Rally Tonight

Jan Stanczyk, Minister of Labor and Social Welfare of the Polish government-in-exile, will be the main speaker at the Polish-American Trade Union Committee meeting tonight at the Polish National Home, 19 St. Marks Place. Proceeds of the meeting will go to the Polish Army Medical Aid Fund.

Other speakers are Austin Fisher, chairman of the New York Division of the NLRB; S. Strakacz, New York Polish Consul General; Joseph Curran, National Maritime Union; Abraham Bluestein, AFL American Labor Committee to Aid British Labor; Michael J. Quill, Transport Workers Union; P. X. Wazeter, Polish National Council, and State Senator Stanley A. Nowak of Detroit.

Haiti Wars on Axis

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 12 (UP).—Haiti declared war on Germany and Italy today, following last Monday's action in declaring war on Japan.

Italian-American Leaders Blast Mussolini For Attack, Vow Support to U.S. War Effort

Asserting his confidence that all Italian-Americans will "stand loyally behind the United States in its war against totalitarian aggression," Luigi Antonini, first vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and general secretary of Italian Dressmakers Union, Local 89, yesterday condemned the "latest infamy" of Mussolini in declaring war against the United States.

Local 89 has 40,000 members. "I am confident that all Americans of Italian descent stand loyally behind the United States in this war against totalitarian aggression," Mr. Antonini said. "They are second to none in their devotion to our country and its democratic ideals. Mussolini and his criminal gang are their enemies as they are the enemies of the entire people. Should any sign of treachery on behalf of Mussolini manifest itself anywhere, we Americans of Italian descent will regard it as our special duty and privilege to uncover these traitors and bring them to the punishment they deserve."

Soviets Launch Huge Offensive

Terrific Red Army Blows Destroy 21 Nazi Divisions, Kill 85,000 Men

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The winter and said the winter prevented their plans from materializing," the radio said. "First, there was no winter proper in the Moscow area and second, the complaints reveal that the Germans were not properly provided with warm clothing because they hoped to finish the war before winter set in. These hopes of the German High Command have not been fulfilled. They have made a serious and fatal blunder."

"Moreover, the mistake cannot possibly be explained by winter conditions but only by the inability of the German High Command to plan the war."

TIDE TURNING

London experts said the Soviets certainly would not have revealed so much detail of their strategy unless they were confident that the tide had turned in their favor.

"It is a communique of a victorious army, not of one endangered by the enemy," a spokesman said.

The best judgment here was that the Germans could not organize another offensive before Spring, and they recalled recurring reports that the Germans were withdrawing bombers from the Soviet front and adjusting their lines at various points, preparatory to digging in.

Some observers believed that the Soviet assault may have gained such momentum that the Germans may not even be able to dig in along presently defined lines. They believed that the Red Army was much better equipped and conditioned for winter warfare than the Germans, recalling that the Soviets carried out the Finnish campaign in the dead Arctic winter.

The Soviet strategy, believed to have won the Battle for Moscow, was revealed as follows: Attack the flanks of the Moscow battle arc and drive salients of such depth that the Germans are forced to fall back to avoid being outflanked.

It was believed that the Germans had withdrawn troops from other fronts to avert the disaster, as Soviet reports told of the recapture of 15 villages near Leningrad, in the north, and claimed that new Soviet counter-attacks were beginning from Sevastopol, besieged Crimean Naval Base, which threw some German units back toward Perekop Isthmus.

CITY CAPTURED

Solnechnogorsk, 40 miles north-west of Moscow, on the Leningrad Railroad, was recaptured, the communique said. In the same sector, the Germans were reported encircled at Klin, 11 miles northwest.

South of Moscow, five towns were reported recaptured in the Tula area—Rogachev Istra, 85 miles southeast of Moscow; Veny, 90 miles south-south-east of Moscow; Michailov; Stalingorsk, 125 miles southeast of Moscow, and Epifan, 125 miles south-south-east of Moscow.

The Germans started a pincer movement on Nov. 16 from the north and south against Moscow and on Dec. 6, with the Red Army still holding firm at the flanks of the semi-circular front around Moscow, "the enemy became exhausted."

NAZIS RETREATING

The Soviet troops then launched counter-attacks, the communique said, and the Germans, defeated, "now are retreating hurriedly, leaving behind arms and equipment and suffering heavy losses."

Soviet troops swarmed through the German defenses at both ends of the Moscow arc, sending infantry and motorized units into pell-mell retreat, the communique said.

According to "incomplete data," the Germans, between Nov. 16 and Dec. 10, lost 1,434 tanks; 5,416 vehicles loaded with troops, and

supplies; 575 guns; 870 machine guns and "great quantities of other material either captured or destroyed. . . the exact figures cannot be given since the operations still are in progress."

On the northern flank, troops under Gen. Ludushenko crushed the first German Tank Division, the 14th and 36th Motorized Divisions and also captured the town of Rogachev in the Klin area. Those Soviets then encircled Klin, the communique said. Units of Gen. Kuznetsov were reported also hammering at Klin, after having occupied the town of Yakhomra 20 miles east of Klin, where they defeated two German tank divisions and an infantry division.

Still another Soviet group, under Gen. Vlasov, were reported pursuing the second German Tank Division and the 106th Infantry Division after occupying Solnechnogorsk.

Troops under Gen. Rokossovsky smashed the fifth, tenth, and 11th German Tank Divisions, the 35th Infantry Division and one division of Elite SS Guards while occupying Istra, 22 miles southeast of Klin, the communique said.

Meanwhile, in the same area, troops under Gen. Govorov broke through a defense line held by the 78th, 87th, 232nd and 267th Infantry Regiments and captured the region around Kulebikino-Lokotnya.

More victories were reported in the South. One was scored by troops under Gen. Gordvin who smashed the 3rd and 4th German Tank Divisions, and one SS Regiment northwest of Tula and "now are developing an offensive." Those Red Army troops were reported "encircling" the 296th Infantry Division.

Cavalry under Gen. Belov smashed the 17th Tank Division, the 29th Motorized Infantry Division, and the 187th Infantry Division and "now are pursuing remnants of the beaten enemy. . . our troops occupied Veny and Stalingorsk," the communique said.

Gen. Bondarev's troops defeated the 18th Tank Division and the 9th Motorized Division and "then pressed westward and occupied Michailov and Epifan."

British Sink Cruiser In Mediterranean

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Admiralty said today that a British submarine torpedoed and probably sank an enemy cruiser in the Central Mediterranean. The date of the attack was not given.

Browder Brigaders Hear Minor, Receive Awards

It was a great night for the Browder Brigaders Thursday evening when they gathered in force at Manhattan Plaza, to pay tribute to those in their ranks who have excelled in selling the Sunday Worker. And to the hundreds of city functionaries of the Communist Party who were invited to the meeting there was the keen appreciation of an address made by Robert Minor, acting secretary of the Communist Party, who called upon Communists, the trade union movement and every worker in the nation to set a furious pace in defense production that will in the end drive Tokyo, Berlin and Rome into staggering defeat.

A statement by the National Committee of the Communist Party, read to the hundreds present by George Blake, chairman of the meeting, wholeheartedly supporting the President in the national war effort, was unanimously endorsed by a thunderous "aye" by the crowd.

Most colorful event of the meeting came when Blake read off a list of 37 Browder Brigaders and 16 section Daily Worker directors who received awards for their excellent work in increasing the circulation of the Daily and Sunday Worker. Amid the applause of the audience, all were given muffers as presents in recognition of the work.

During the course of the meeting, telegrams from upstate sections were read in which pledges were given to double and triple the circulation of the paper.

The meeting wound up with Minor answering questions which were sent up from the audience. All in all, the meeting demonstrated that the Browder Brigaders have become one of the most important armies for the defense of the nation that exists in the country today.

Bulletins

A Coast Guard and Navy crew yesterday took over the \$65,000,000 French liner Normandie, one of the three largest ships afloat, in a move which the State Department in Washington described as "precautionary."

DETROIT, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Ford Motor Company tonight announced a seven-day work week, 24 hours a day where practical, for its more than \$900,000,000 worth of defense orders.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 12 (UP).—Congress unanimously endorsed a Presidential request for a declaration of war against Germany and Italy today, Honduras already was at war with Japan.

Popular demonstrations in support of the administration and all the nations in the democratic camp were organized throughout the country.

BOSTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—The possibility of blacking out all New England as a single unit was discussed today at a conference of civilian defense officials from six states.

Dean James M. Landis, regional civilian defense director, called the meeting. Arrangements for normal operation of trains and factories during any emergency also were discussed.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12 (UP).—Mexican marines have seized two "suspiciously acting" Japanese fishing boats off the tip of strategic lower California Peninsula, it was revealed in official circles tonight.

The crews were interned.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—German authorities announced today that four residents of Paris had been shot to death for unlawful possession of weapons.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Important British-Russian negotiations, it was learned tonight, will be held shortly to deal with political collaboration and the grand strategy of the war against the Axis.

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 12 (UP).—Panama today declared war on Germany and Italy. The country already was at war with Japan.

Following a meeting with his cabinet, President Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia signed a decree placing his nation at the side of the United States in the war against the European Axis.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 12 (UP).—Congress, acting upon a presidential request, today declared war on Germany and Italy. The country already was at war with Japan.



Philippine Base Attacked: Here is a view of Olongapo, marine and naval base in the Philippines, with the barracks seen in the background. Eleven Japanese planes were reported shot down in the first air raid on the base, which is 50 miles west of Manila, and Clark Field, north of the capital.

Congress Set To Register Men 18-65

Those Between 19-45 Available for Military Duty

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MAY, D. Ky., of the Military Affairs Committee, at the request of the War Department.

Before it was offered, it was discussed at a conference among Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Hershey, Speaker Sam Rayburn, Majority Leader John W. McCormack, Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, and Rep. James Wadsworth, R. N. Y., co-sponsor of the original Selective Service Act.

SPEED HEARINGS

Plans were made to snap it through both chambers. May announced hearings would begin tomorrow. He said they would be brief.

The Senate Military Affairs Committee arranged to meet tomorrow to draft similar legislation. Hershey discussed the program informally with the committee. Members were pleased that he did not submit the War Department measure.

"The session today marked a new high in relations between the War Department and the Senate," one committee man said.

"Instead of the Department dropping some drafted bills on the table we had an informative discussion, exchanged views and now are in a fine position to write emergency legislation."

The measure would not affect some 17,500,000 men between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive, who registered under the present draft law. The Government thus far has taken only about 800,000 from that class, but Hershey believes this number could be increased to 4,000,000.

There is expected to be immediate reclassification of registrants in the 21 to 27 age bracket. An estimated 7,500,000 men in the 28-35 age group, now exempt, probably will be made available at once to the armed services.

Meantime, local draft boards began reclassifying ex-servicemen who were deferred in Class 4-A.

They were told by Hershey that the nation is in a two-front war and there will be need of all men who have worn the Army khaki or Navy blue.

Those previously eligible for deferment were men who had served three years in the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps; National Guardsmen with two years of service in the militia and one in federal service; National Guardsmen with six years service; reserve officers with six years service.

"We may need a lot of men—and we've got to find out now where we can get them," Hershey said.

The legislation proclaims the security of the republic to be gravely threatened and warns that "the nation is fighting for its existence and its future life."

It declares it the national policy "to accept no result save victory, final and complete, over all the enemies of the United States."

CIO, AFL Act on Joint Parley With Industry

Murray, Green Convene Meetings of Officers to Map War Efforts

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labor government conference, is reported to be anxious to have the conference going into the whole problem of production and to assure labor greater participation in the war production set-up.

There have also been reports that the President has been exploring the possibilities of labor unity, and that he may attempt to use the conference next week to bring about at least some measure of cooperation between the CIO and the AFL.

At his press conference today, the President said that he had originally hoped to hold the labor-industry conference on Monday, but that due to pressing obligations he was obliged to postpone it until Wednesday.

A major problem at the CIO and AFL meetings as well as the joint industry-labor meeting will be to work out technique for continuous seven-day, 24-hour a day production of all plants.

The President as well as OPM Director William Knudsen and Associate OPM Director Sidney Hillman have urged such continuous operation.

Chief concentration of defense officials is multiple-shift operation of plants to avoid the week-end black-out rather than longer hours, at least until the substantial reservoir of unemployed workers is absorbed.

At his press conference this morning, the President denied that he was considering any relaxation of the hours provisions of the Wage and Hour Act. He said that time and a half would continue to be paid for whatever overtime work is necessary.

City Unsnarls Many Civilian Defense Kinks

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York organization of the Communist Party is said to have ordered at least a quarter of a million copies for distribution, while business and civic organizations have put in orders for about 2,000,000 more.

Air and fire wardens were being coached throughout the city in their duties. Meetings are being held nightly. Considerable study is being made of the experiences of London under air raid conditions.

EVACUATION PLANS

Leaving little to chance, evacuation plans are being studied by Edward Weinfeld, State Housing Commissioner. A survey of housing facilities in 18 neighboring counties is being conducted. More than 80,000 homes, clubs, camps and other types of dwellings will be checked.

Evacuation of women, children and aged is being studied.

Amter to Mark Bill of Rights In Broadcast

To Speak Over WQXR At 6:45 Tomorrow Evening

The Bill of Rights stands as the symbol of America's struggle against the Axis, Israel Amter, State Chairman of the Communist Party, declared here yesterday in announcing his broadcast tomorrow night marking Bill of Rights Day.

"At this fateful moment it is important to note that there is no better symbol of the democratic heart of America and its traditions than the Bill of Rights, the fruit of the struggle of the American people for national independence and freedom in 1776," he said.

"Indeed, never did the Bill of Rights have such meaning for us as at this hour when the very national existence of our country, our democratic heritage, our recent gains, our future, depend upon our victory over the barbaric Nazis and their Axis co-partners, Japan and Italy."

Amter will speak over Station WQXR (1590 kc.) at 6:45 P.M. His topic is "The War and the Bill of Rights."

Three Seized As Seditious In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—FBI men made the first arrest of an American for seditious utterances here last night when they took into custody Robert Noble, 43, Ellis O. Jones and Miss Leone Lee at a meeting of 200 persons at the Embassy Club.

The agents attended the meeting and heard Noble demand impeachment of the President and charge that the President "egged Poland into an attack on Germany." Noble said too that the United States "messed into Japan's affairs."

Jones has been established as a fascist and anti-Semite by his violent articles in the Deutscher Wecker and Beobachter, official organ of the German-American Bund, on Sept. 28 last. He has also been exposed for illegally using the Congressional frank of the late Senator Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota to circulate throughout the country rabid anti-Semitic propaganda.

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BRAHMS' CONCERTO NO. 3 FOR PIANO AND ORCHESTRA. Vladimir Horowitz with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra. Album M-740. \$6.50

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Italian-Americans Hold War Rally Tomorrow

Patriotic Americans of Italian origin are holding the first emergency rally in support of the national war effort to defeat the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis.

The rally will be held at Manhattan Plaza, 86 East Fourth St. at 3 P. M. Among the speakers scheduled are:

Hon. Joseph Bocca; Domenick Panza, vice-president, American Communications Association, CIO; Johnny Longo, Catholic youth leader; Richard Manna, vice-president, United Furniture Workers, CIO; Gino Bardi, editor, L'Unita del Popolo; also a representative from the Mayor's office.

Antonini pointed out the bitter opposition of the people of Italy to Mussolini's war.

The "single, supreme duty" of 6,000,000 Italian-Americans is loyalty to the United States in the struggle against Italy, Germany and Japan, Genesio Pope said in a signed editorial yesterday in his daily newspaper, Il Progresso Italiano.

Americano and Corriere D'America. Italy is at war with the United States only because Benito Mussolini allied himself with Adolf Hitler, the editorial said.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 12.—Declaring that "we Italian-Americans will fight shoulder to shoulder with

the rest of the democratic people of the world until final victory," 14 leading Italian-American trade unionists today issued a joint statement of loyalty to the United States and the war against fascism.

The statement was signed by Anthony De Mayo, Joseph Selvaggio, and William Santora, field organizers for the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, CIO; Albert Pessatti, organizer for the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO; Mrs. Mary Mattia, business agent of Local 438, UERMW; Edward Vennet-Hill, president of Local 444, UERMW; Michael Arditi, organizer for the International Furniture Workers, CIO; Frank Manso, candidate for president of Local 92, Furniture Workers; Frank Scallio, organizer for the International Fur and Leather Workers, CIO; Jerry Mollica and Joseph Maura, organizers for United Mine Workers, District 80, CIO; Carmine Ventola, president of Local 277, State, County

Farmers Pledge All Efforts to Win War

Parley Dedicates Entire 'Fortunes, Honor' to Destroy the Axis.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The nation's farmers, speaking through the convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, pledged themselves "wholly and unreservedly to the victory that must be won."

In the closing hours of the convention, the 5,000 delegates adopted a series of resolutions which put the mighty farmers' organization squarely behind the Administration's efforts to win the war.

The main resolution declared: "The farmers of the American Farm Bureau Federation, here and now throw themselves into the struggle that will be waged upon the battlefield, by our army and our navy. We dedicate ourselves, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to the cause."

MORE FOOD OUTPUT

Edward A. O'Neal was reelected president of the federation for another two-year term, as was Earl C. Smith, vice-president.

Smith was chairman of the resolution committee which reported out a series of proposals, many of which related to the increased responsibility of the farm population during the war.

"We must devote renewed energies to the battle of production," one resolution declared, "any lagging by industry, by labor or agriculture will not be tolerated. We must recognize that modern warfare is waged by civilians as well as by men under arms."

The resolution headed, "Mobilization for Absolute Victory," went on to say:

"Our democracy must wage unceasing war upon the arrogant tyrannies that seek to crush and dominate. We must continue all aid and support in the fight against the common foe."

No More Lists Of Casualties To Be Issued

Only Kin to Be Told; U.S. Says Data Is Aid to the Enemy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—No more casualty lists will be issued by the War and Navy Departments.

President Roosevelt explained to his press conference today that the Army and Navy felt that publication of lists of men killed or wounded in action would provide information of aid to the enemy, enabling the enemy to determine where and when large numbers of American soldiers and sailors suffered losses.

He said the Army and Navy would notify next of kin of the casualties immediately by telegram. The Government will release for newspaper publication only total figures on casualties.

The President asked that press associations, newspapers and radio stations refrain from compiling their own casualty lists from the notices sent to next of kin.

A Navy Department announcement said:

"The Navy Department today announced that for military reasons no list of names of casualties will be released to the public. The next of kin and dependents of naval casualties are being notified and are being asked not to divulge the names of the ship or station to which the relatives was attached."

Communists in Detroit Call Victory Rally

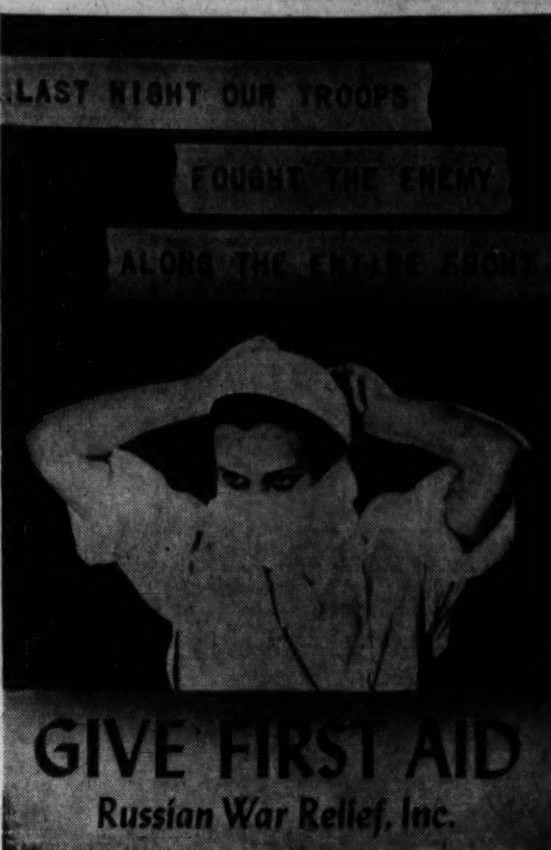
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DETROIT, Dec. 12.—The Communist Party of Michigan has called a citywide rally to "unite the people for victory over the Axis" for Friday, Dec. 19, at Jericho Temple, 2708 Joy Road at 8 P.M.

Principal speakers will be Pat Toohy, State secretary, and William Patterson, Negro leader. Referring to the rally, Toohy said, "Our nation is striking blow for blow, the treacherous assault of the Axis upon our nation. The President of the United States has summoned this nation to win, 'absolute victory.' We Communists stand ready for any service America needs to summon every resource, muster every force within its borders, cities, towns and farms to win this war."

Edison Union Pledges FDR Full War Support

Full support of its 30,000 members and assurance that power for New York's area will not be interrupted, was yesterday wired to President Roosevelt by the Brotherhood of Electrical Edison Employees, an unaffiliated union.



LAST NIGHT OUR TROOPS FOUGHT THE ENEMY ALONG THE RUSSIAN FRONT. GIVE FIRST AID Russian War Relief, Inc.

West Side Russian Aid Group Donates \$1500

1,500 Pack Pythian Temple for Rally, Columbia Group Holds Auction

Pledging increased support to Russian war relief as an indispensable part of the worldwide battle against fascism, the West Side Committee for Russian War Relief donated \$1,500 for medical supplies for the Soviet people at a rally this week at Pythian Temple.

More than 1,500 persons representing West Side organizations, churches and trade unions heard Dr. Henry Pratt Fairchild of New York University; Pietro di Donato, author; Dr. Israel Goldstein; the Rev. Thomas Thomas McCandless; the Rev. T. Banks and Ralph Ingersoll, editor of PM.

The Columbia University Committee for Russian War Relief held its first auction on Thursday and collected \$458.03.

Jews To Hold Victory Rally at Garden Dec. 17

All Sections of Jewish People Respond to Call for Unity Against Axis Enemies

The "Unite for Victory" rally sponsored by the Committee of Jewish Writers and Artists in the United States to be held at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday, Dec. 17, is receiving widespread support among Jewish and non-Jewish trade unionists, artists and writers, Dr. Chaim Zhitlovsky, chairman of the Committee announced yesterday.

"In this hour of crisis," the death of Jewish letters said, "the Jews of America will take their stand beside all other Americans regardless of race, color or creed in their determination to smash Hitlerism wherever it exists. Our meeting at the Garden will be a public expression of this determination and a demonstration of support to President Roosevelt, the nation's fighting forces and all our allies."

Speakers include Sen. Elbert D. Thomas; Representative Sol Bloom; Jan Masaryk, foreign minister of the Czechoslovak government-in-exile; Sholem Asch, author; Abraham Goldberg, World Zionist Organization and Dr. Joseph A. Rosen, vice-president of the Dominican Republic Settlement Association.

Blackout Boulder Dam

Communists Throughout Country Offer Unswerving War Services

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 12.—Greeting the statement of the National Committee of the Communist Party with "patriotic determination," a membership meeting of the Communist Party of Boston attended by 600 persons yesterday adopted a resolution unanimously endorsing the statement and pledging to "make every sacrifice necessary to defeat the fascist coalition which has now attacked America."

The resolution was adopted following a report by Ann Buriak, Massachusetts secretary of the Communist Party.

A second resolution in the form of a telegram to Governor Sallon-stall was also unanimously adopted. It pledged that "the members of the Communist Party of Boston stand ready to sacrifice their lives if need be in this great struggle. We join with all loyal Americans in our state in declaring 'Everything for National Unity, Everything for Victory over World-wide Fascist Slavery.'"

Urge Radio Amateurs To Enlist in Signal Corps

Army Calls on Operators Between 18 and 35 to Volunteer Services

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Army today asked all unmarried amateur radio operators between the ages of 18 and 35 to volunteer for the signal corps.

All who are qualified for active service were asked to apply to the signal officer at the nearest recruiting station for further information. Volunteers were asked to bring their amateur licenses to show their qualifications. Amateur operators ineligible for active service because of marital status, age, slight physical defect or other reasons, likewise are needed to serve in civilian capacities in Army radio stations at corps area and other headquarters, the Army said.

FDR Thanks Foreign Born For Support

President Roosevelt's appreciation for the pledge of foreign-born support in America's united war effort, made by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign-Born this week, was received by Hugh De Lacy, national chairman in the form of a letter from Stephen Early, yesterday.

"Permit me, in the President's name, to thank you for your telegram," Mr. Early, Presidential secretary wrote. "The pledges of patriotic support which have been received from any, many loyal citizens in all parts of the country have given the President strength and courage to carry out the will of the American people."

"For the splendid assurance conveyed in your message, he is more appreciative than he can say."

The Committee's telegram sent on Dec. 8, assured the President that "the foreign-born will come forward to assume their full responsibilities as Americans in this hour of crisis and grave danger for their adopted land, just as they have always in the past."

Mayor Urges Key Cities Practice Blackouts Soon

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (UP).—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York, director of the Office of Civilian Defense, said today he believed Chicago and all major cities of the United States should have practice blackouts soon.

"It's going to be a long war, and when I say long I mean long," he said. "Three days of Pacific Coast inspection tours convinced him that the blackout problems are 'enormous' in American cities, which have grown up in a general expectation of peace, but they can be overcome. Seattle, he said, was 'perfect' after three nights' trials."

Bill of Rights Program Monday To Hear President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Office of Civilian Defense today announced that among the many stars of stage and screen appearing on the Bill of Rights program will be Bob Burns, Lionel Barrymore, Loretta Young, Walter Houston, and Louise Beavers. The program will be broadcast from 10 to 11 P. M. on all networks on Monday.

President Roosevelt will address the nation during the hour. The program commemorates the birth of the Bill of Rights upon which our democracy is founded.

Communists Throughout Country Offer Unswerving War Services

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO COMMUNISTS PLEDGE LOYALTY

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A pledge of "loyal and unqualified support" was wired today by the District Committee of the Communist Party, signed by A. Wagenknecht, chairman, and Morris Childs, secretary.

The pledge to the Mayor was adopted by a meeting of some 500 Communist Party leaders assembled at Ashland Auditorium to discuss methods of cooperating with the war effort.

The message declared that "all members, together with all the workers are striving to quicken the pace of the machines producing the implements of war, and to keep them running 24 hours a day and seven days a week."

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AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 12.—The Akron Young Communist League

WHAT TO DO IN AN AIR RAID Official—By the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense (First of a series of six)



1. KEEP COOL

Above all, keep cool. Don't lose your head. Do not crowd the streets, avoid chaos, prevent disorder and havoc. You can fool the enemy. It is easy. If planes come over, stay where you are. Don't phone unnecessarily. The chance you will be hit is small. It is part of the risk we must take to win this war.

Until an alarm, go about your usual business and recreation in the ordinary way.

Think twice before you do anything. Don't believe rumors—spreading false rumors is part of the enemy's technique. Don't let him take you in.

Know your air-raid warning. In general, it is short blast of rising and falling siren, on whistles or horns. The "all clear" is a steady tone for 2 minutes. Watch this paper for description of the local signal. (This is subject to change.)

Wait official information before taking any action. When the Air Raid Warden comes to your home, do what he tells you. He is for your protection. He is your friend.

We will help you to do your part to whip the enemy.

We can do it. We will do it, if we stay calm and cool and strong and alert.

U. S. Office of Civilian Defense, Fiorella H. LaGuardia, Director, Washington, D. C.

Negroes 'Ready' Says Committee for Allies

Calls for Unity Against Axis, Aid to Allies; Maps Civilian Program

The Negro people of America "stand ready" to give their services against "the ruling military clique of Japan upon whose members Hitler has conferred the disgusting and insulting title of 'Honorary Aryan,'" declared a statement issued yesterday by the newly-formed Negro Committee for American-Alied Victory.

The statement also declared that while the Negroes have only respect for the Japanese people, the destruction of Tokyo's fascist-military oligarchy is essential to "keep the pathway to freedom open." It called for continued aid to the "anti-Axis forces—Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China and Ethiopia."

The committee has temporary offices at 2384 Seventh Ave. Dr. Arnold Donawa, executive secretary, and Dr. Vernon H. Dubois, director. "America must remove the shackles from its Negro citizens and tear down Jim Crow barriers now standing in the way of full participation in the war effort," the statement announced.

NEGOES STIRRED

"The attack by Hitler's Axis partner, Japan, on the United States should stir every Negro to action, as it does every other patriotic American," it began. "Our watchword should be 'every Negro man, woman and child united for national defense.'"

The statement declares that Japan's "treacherous and lightning thrusts at United States defenses" were based neither on "aggressive measures" by the United States nor on "the interests of the Japanese people." "The forces of the 'New Order' of slavery are bent on making the world their private slave pen and making 'Nazi' racism the law of society, and not one Negro should be fooled into believing otherwise," the statement adds.

Dr. Donovan said the committee hoped to coordinate the activities of various other groups having the same general aims. It stands firmly behind Mayor LaGuardia as chief of civilian defense efforts.

OUTLINE CIVILIAN AIMS

Some of the immediate tasks outlined at yesterday's conference were: To persuade the Red Cross to open a 10-week course in Harlem for its Volunteer Drivers and Motor Corps Division; to have established in Harlem a Volunteer Service, which would include social work for families of service men; to see that the Negro people are represented on the board proposed by President Roosevelt to adjust differences between industry and labor.

The committee will hold its first public meeting next Wednesday evening in the Little Theatre of the Harlem YMCA, 135th St., near Seventh Ave.

Among directors of the organization are Assemblyman William T. Andrews, Dr. Myra Logan, Councilman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., and Dr. Max Yergan, President of the National Negro Congress.

Rev. James H. Robinson, pastor of the Church of the Master, 86

Steel Union Maps Apprentice Plan

SWOC, Labor Dep't Propose Training Program to Aid Basic Production

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—An apprentice training program maintained through union contracts, to meet the need for skilled workers in war industries, has been advanced by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee here.

The plan, which calls for active participation of the steel workers' union in the setting up

apprenticeship programs, was drawn up at a conference of representatives of the SWOC and of the U. S. Department of Labor. Clinton S. Golden, Northeastern Regional Director for the union, presided at the conference.

Chief step in the program will be the insertion of an apprentice training course clause in all contracts between the union and steel firms. Details of the program are to be worked out by committees of management representatives and workers from the plants involved. Observers see in this further extension of union activity a partial realization of the Murray steel plan which calls for labor-government-industry councils in production for war.

SWOC TRAINING PLAN

Speaking of the apprentice training program and the union's part in it, Clinton Golden said, "In the mass production industries it has gradually become accepted as the sole prerogative of management to train apprentices. Workers in the industry did not challenge this right because there never was a union before to make the challenge on their behalf."

"As a result there has been little or no systematic training of apprentices in the last 15 years. This lack of training has resulted in the present plight of the industry's lack of skilled workers, which through the years has seen an average of seven per cent of skilled workers leave industry, with only two per cent trained through apprenticeship programs to take their places."

"Out of all this comes confusion, and the SWOC is taking the lead in advancement of a sensible apprenticeship program that will keep a constant flow of skilled workers in the industry."

The war on Japan, said Dohi, is a war "also for the complete defeat of Hitlerite Germany," and declared that victory would liberate all oppressed peoples subjugated by the Axis, including their own peoples victimized by "Japanese imperialism."

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Hitler's Partner Gets Slapped

With contempt does Pravda, Communist Party organ in the Soviet Union, denounce the Japanese attack upon the United States as "treacherous and without warning."

America was attacked in the same way that the Soviet peoples were. "Japan resorted to the method with which the Soviet people are familiar from the experience of war against bloodthirsty Hitler, who in the same treacherous manner, like a bandit, attacked the Soviet Union."

One bandit attack all over the world.

One united resistance all over the world. Through Pravda, the Soviet Union informs the world of the newest piece of fascist treachery—the notorious "peace" trick which the Axis loves to use to divide its enemies and conquer them one by one.

"The Hitler gang is ready to conclude peace tomorrow," Pravda mocks Hitler with biting scorn, "if only the Soviet Government would consent to come to terms with these bandits."

Pravda's answer will chill the spines of the Axis aggressors: "Peace with Germany will be concluded by the Soviet Union jointly with Great Britain and the United States. But when that time comes, neither Hitler nor his gang will be in Germany any longer. The extermination of the Hitler criminals is the very first condition for making peace."

It is in the spirit of these words that leading spokesmen of Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States have spoken within the past 24 hours. Churchill views the Red Army's blows against Hitler as already constituting "an event of cardinal importance in the final decision of the war." Secretary Hull and Litvinov have met and issued statements of complete cooperation and increased assistance.

Only a certain handful of persons persist in their efforts to help the Axis by rumor-mongering about "difficulties" between the U. S. and the Soviet Union concerning the war against the Axis in the Far East. It seems that these personages are suspiciously eager for the Red Army to cease smashing Hitler or the Eastern Front. The same people who have been inventing a thousand reasons why America and Britain could not resist the Axis are prolific with military instructions for the Soviet Union.

This nonsensical stuff, which defies the spoken attitude of President Roosevelt, will be understood by the American people as only a new form of fifth column disruption; it should be treated as such.

Meanwhile, the world front of Britain, America and the USSR, which will bury the Axis gangsters for good, happily grows stronger by the hour.

Heroes Against The Axis

On the long list of American military heroes—those famous and those little known—goes the name of Captain Colin Kelly, Jr., of Florida. It is he who gave his life as he dealt the 29,000 ton battleship Haruna a deadly blow by dumping his cargo of bombs into the ship at suicidal range.

Other airmen from the United States and several Filipino airmen have also distinguished themselves in the violent fighting off the coast of the Island of Luzon.

Tribute must be paid too to the gallant marines who, holding the island of Wake against fierce attacks, sunk a light cruiser and a destroyer belonging to the enemy.

American soldiers and sailors have displayed their valor in every past war. There is already evidence that the glorious feats of other years will even be surpassed in this war to annihilate fascism.

Reichstag Speech

In his Reichstag address, Hitler showed that the Axis war upon the United States is a part of his broad pattern for world conquest.

His guttersnipe attacks upon President Roosevelt, his lying, his desperate demagoguery and raving, make clear that humanity is up against a murderous regime which can be put down only through military force.

Faced with reverses on the Russian front and in Libya, Hitler tried to make excuses to the war-weary German people. He blamed the sleet and the mud when actually it was too much Red Army. These setbacks have already weakened the morale of the German people, and Hitler's declaration of war upon the United States will further undermine it. As Stalin pointed out, the bubble of Nazi invincibility has been punctured and the world coalition for Hitler's doom grows.

Hitler tried to blame the German people for his treacherous invasion of the Soviet Union because there the Nazis have suffered their heaviest losses. The German people wanted peace with the Soviet Union as they do with the rest of humanity. Hitler tried to deceive the German people that the United States was the aggressor upon Germany just

as he tried to deceive them that the Soviet Union was the aggressor. He tried to minimize the enormous casualties suffered on the Russian front even as German families see the trainloads of wounded rolling back home. A point will come when the German people will rise up against the blackguard who states that the masses "will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one."

Hitler's statement that he intends to resume the offensive on the Soviet front leaves no room for slackened assistance to the Red Army and to the British. It is one war and one enemy. The Berlin tyrant has issued a challenge to human decency which will be answered by the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and all other liberty-loving peoples of the earth.

A Sound Move By the White House

The President's invitation to labor and employers to hold a conference to work out voluntary machinery for settling industrial disputes, is timely and will meet with widespread approval. This—and not anti-labor legislation—is what the country wants.

The decision to hold the conference again raises the question of cooperation between CIO and AFL. Surely, the forthcoming gathering will be most successful if the delegates from the two bodies of labor meet beforehand and work out a joint program.

The plans for the conference indicate that it is in the direction of the proposal by CIO President Philip Murray for a government-labor-employer conference.

Murray has pointed out that what is needed is not only a program to settle disputes, but above all a program to guarantee the maximum expansion and production of war industries. One section of the White House announcement appears to be somewhat in line with the extensive program proposed by Murray. This is where the White House states that the "agreement (on settling labor disputes), it is pointed out, might include or be followed by an agreement defining appropriate practices for both labor and management to secure maximum production for war needs."

The calling of the conference is an excellent beginning. It is steps like this which, if extended, can guarantee that the war program will be fully successful.

Martinique in Vichy's Hands Is a Nazi Base

Martinique, the little Caribbean island controlled by Hitler's Vichy puppets, can be used as a Nazi base for wholesale bombing of American cities.

In accordance with the Havana Conference and in conjunction with the Latin-American Republics, the United States should occupy Martinique as a vital necessity for Hemisphere defense. Joint occupation and administration of the island with the Latin American nations would insure the fullest military cooperation by the Americas and strengthen the anti-fascist protection of the people of Martinique.

It is about time that all illusions with regard to the Vichy regime be thoroughly dispelled. These "diplomatic" vassals of Hitler should be thrown out of the country. Otherwise, the nation trifles with its very existence.

Let the United States take the initiative against the treacherous Axis foe and make sure that Martinique is not used as a base for the Axis invaders.

A War for the Bill of Rights

The Bill of Rights was born as a result of the glorious feats of arms of the American Revolutionary Army under General George Washington. When the 150th anniversary of the Bill of Rights is observed on Dec. 15, Americans will again be carrying arms, this time to insure that the Bill of Rights shall not be destroyed by Hitlerism.

The right of free speech, free press, assembly, freedom of religion—these are what the war is being fought for by the foes of fascism everywhere throughout the world.

America's present war for its national existence is, in fact, a war for the Bill of Rights.

While jealously guarding observance of the Bill of Rights here at home, the American people will unequivocally support all measures that must be taken because of military necessity against the enemies of the country's security.

It is impossible to observe Bill of Rights Day without thinking of the grave injustice that has been done to Earl Browder. Surely, observance of the anniversary of the document embodying our civil liberties and democratic rights, requires that each of us raise our voice for the release from prison of that sterling anti-fascist, Earl Browder.

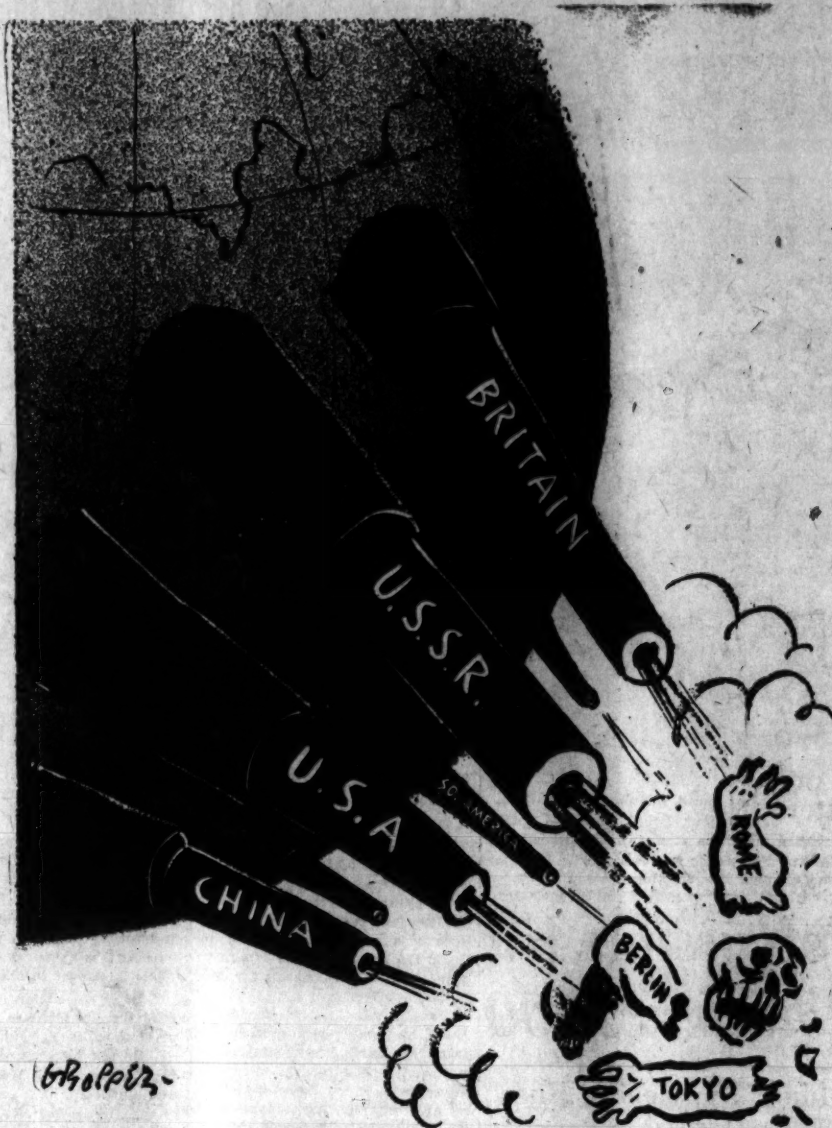
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ALLIED FOR VICTORY



U. S. Holds Midway and Wake; Japanese Fleet Flees Sea Battle

(Continued from Page 1)

seized the offensive in the war-charged Pacific today, shooting down 11 Japanese airplanes in the Philippines, routing Japanese warships which fled without a fight, and throwing into action a fleet of submarines from which, Admiral Thomas C. Hart said, "big results are expected."

The U. S. Asiatic Fleet commander announced at a press conference, which was interrupted by the day's second air raid alarm at Manila, that both United States and Filipino fliers were acquitting themselves heroically. Among the four fliers he named specially was Capt. Colin Kelly, Jr., 26-year-old Floridian, who scored three mortal bomb hits on the Japanese battleship Haruna before he was killed.

LANDINGS ON LUZON

The Japanese meanwhile "improved their strength" in northern Luzon, the island on which Manila lies, according to this morning's communiqué, and there were reports, still unconfirmed, that a small Japanese force had pushed ashore at Legaspi, on the southwestern tip of Luzon, 200 miles from Manila.

In addition to the Hurana, whose sinking was announced officially in Washington, Hart announced that one heavy and at least two light bomb hits had been scored in the Japanese battleship Kongō by naval fliers, and that the ship was last seen "out of control and surely seriously crippled."

TOKIO FLEET RUNS

He said that surface ships of the Asiatic Fleet once made contact with enemy ships a considerable distance from Manila but "the Japanese made off and no fight developed." The U. S. submarines have not been heard from yet, he said, but in remarking that "we expect big things from them," he pointed out that when a torpedo hits a ship "it stays hit." The submarines, he said, are the big game hunters of the Fleet and they use "elephant guns, not shotguns."

(The Air Ministry announced in London that British planes bombing and machine gunning from a low level set fire to 50 or 60 power-driven Japanese barges each carrying about 60 men, in the early stages of the attack on the Kota Bharu area in northeastern Malaya. A Singapore communiqué said there had been no change in the general situation in Malaya and Hongkong.)

AMERICAN HEROES

(British spokesmen in London said that in the Kedah Frontier area of northwestern Malaya the enemy was infiltrating forward and Imperial forces had withdrawn to pre-arranged positions. They said that because of pressure on some advanced positions at Hong Kong the Imperial defenders withdrew from them according to plan.) The army's hero was Lieut. B. D. Wagner of Philadelphia, who

went into action over Aparri, northern Luzon, this morning, shot down two Japanese planes, machine-gunned 12 others on the ground, setting fire to five of them, and returned safely to his base.

A communiqué credited six Filipino pilots with attacking two formations of 64 Japanese planes and shooting down two of them without loss of themselves.

AMERICAN MARINES STILL HOLD GUAM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP).—Cheering news that a gallant band of American marines still is holding Wake Island came from President Roosevelt today while the War Department told of intensified Japanese operations against the main Philippine island of Luzon.

Elsewhere on the Pacific battle front all appeared comparatively quiet.

No operations were reported from Hawaii where Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox is making a personal survey of the damage wrought in Sunday's surprise Japanese attack.

BAN CASUALTY LISTS

A decision that no more casualty lists will be issued by the War and Navy Departments, orders establishing defensive sea areas along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and an offer by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to place at this country's disposal the output of three Canadian shell plants in event the United States needs this production immediately were other developments from the capital of a nation now at war on two fronts.

Meanwhile, Mr. Roosevelt warned against publication of anything about Sunday's Hawaiian attack or present conditions there until the government has heard from Knox. Here is the lineup of today's developments:

Wake Island—still in American hands. Mr. Roosevelt reported that a very small garrison of marines is still holding against Japanese attacks. He described their achievement as perfectly magnificent. Yesterday, a Navy communiqué reported the fighting leathernecks had sunk a light cruiser and a destroyer and had repulsed five enemy attacks.

JAPANESE THREATS

Philippines — War Department communiqué No. 5 said:

"The commanding general of the Far Eastern Command reports the Japanese are making a series of concentric thrusts on the island of Luzon. Enemy concentrations are reported at Legaspi and off the west coast of Zamboanga. The enemy is augmenting its forces at Aparri and Vigan."

This was the first mention of activity off Zamboanga, which is immediately north of the chain of forts protecting Manila. Aparri and Vigan are on the northern segment

of Luzon. Legaspi is 200 miles south-east of Manila.

BRITISH CHECK DRIVE AT SINGAPORE BASE

SINGAPORE, Dec. 12 (UP).—

Japanese invaders of Northwest Malaya have been halted south of Kota Bharu, the threat to Kuantan on the Middle East Coast seems to have fizzled out, and the situation "remaining satisfactory" in the northwestern frontier zone, it was reported tonight.

A midday communiqué said there had been no change in the general situation in the last 12 hours, and all local reports conformed.

After five days of uncertainty sprinkled with reverses, British Imperial Forces guarding this vital bastion and the Peninsula it tips appeared at worst to be holding their own and at best striking back effectively.

REINFORCEMENTS AID

Naval and air reinforcements were pouring in from the Netherlands East Indies and elsewhere. Singapore, a beehive of activity, got its first appreciable lift of optimism.

For the fourth straight night Singapore had no air alarm, and the tension provoked by the early raid was easing off.

The Japanese Air Force appeared to have shifted weight of its Malayan operations to Penang, island base off the northwest coast. A communiqué said a raid Thursday caused considerable damage to civilian property but no military objectives were hit.

CIVILIANS MORALE HIGH
Other sources said Penang had just undergone the worst raid on any point in Malaya. However, casualties were light and morale ran high, especially among the British-born Chinese forming the backbone of the permanent population.

"Carry on; Don't worry; we can take it," was the gist of civilian reports from that place.

BRITISH PLANES GET 60 JAPANESE BARGES AFIRE

LONDON, Dec. 12 (UP).—British Imperial planes set fire to 50 or 60 barges filled with about 1,600 Japanese troops upking the first dawn attack on northeastern Malaya, the Air Ministry announced today.

Reports from Singapore tonight said the land situation in the Malay Peninsula "remains satisfactory," with the Japanese unable to advance south from the Kota Bharu sector, defense forces holding fast in the northeast and a threat to the Kuantan area fading out.

Increasing pressure on Hong Kong was reported as Japanese besiegers made some progress and bombarded Stonecutters Island in the middle of the harbor.

"There has been no change in the general situation in Malaya and Hong Kong in the last 12 hours," a Singapore communiqué issued at noon said.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

READERS' DAY

Hitler and Hirohito are now all set to go down in history—and I mean down! H. GOLDSTEIN.

Though helping Hitler is no mania of mine,
I'm out to help dunk him in the Rhine.
YERK.

D. N. R.

(Definitions Needed Badly)

1. Don't No Better
2. Defeats Never Broadcasted
3. Detoured Nazi Blitzes
4. Don't Notify Berlin
5. Deflated Nordic Boasts
6. Doctored News Bulletins
7. Hope Nobody Believes

GORDON KAY.

This quiet man, this fearless man
Knows the work to be done;
Yet the prison doors are locked upon
This great American son.

Earl Browder sits in prison
And hears his country's call;
He must be free to answer—
So speak up, Americans all!

S. V. V.

SOLLOQUY OF A FAMOUS ANTI-SOVIET JOURNALIST WHO WROTE A FAMOUS BOOK

Thrones rocked and statesmen trembled; empires shook
The various continents and circling seas
Waited expectantly each time I took
My pen, or rattled my typewriter keys,
To write—inspired by my fundamental
Vision, to which the truth is only incidental.

The sword is mighty; but my mighty pen
Is mightier still. I told the awe-struck world
The "inside stuff" about the Soviet men
And nations, and my revelations: curled
My readers' ears, for I was hardly gentle.
I did not tell the truth—but that's just incidental.

I made a democrat of Mannerheim;
I made a Christian savior out of Franco;
I found some good in Hitler; and, in time,
I sold down some lettuce in my banko.
Pen-prostitution pays—that's rudimentary.
The main thing is the cash. The truth's just incidental.
F. B. BLAIR, Milwaukee.

Letters From Our Readers

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M. M. S.

'Wouldn't Miss Broadcast for
Anything'—Mother

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

More words cannot express the feeling of exultation when I tune in Station WHOM to hear Louis Budenz broadcast the news. Not that there are not enough broadcasters, but to think that at last we are accomplishing something in that we hear the broadcast of the Daily Worker.

As a mother of three children I am pretty well tired at 11 o'clock, but I wouldn't miss Mr. Budenz's broadcast for anything and I am really hopeful that at last we are really reaching the great mass of the people of New York. I fervently hope that some day the Daily Worker will be on the air in the afternoon, too, so that our children will have the advantage of listening to our broadcast.

Long may democracy endure and may the end of Hitlerism occur in the near future, bringing solidarity and strength to the workers of all nations.
MRS. G. A.

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New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Congratulations on Louis Budenz's wonderful news broadcast on WHOM. With lots of publicity you ought to be heard by hundreds of thousands of families.
B. G.

Urges Freedom of Earl Browder
To Solidify National Fighting Unity

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I sent the following to our President:
"I have more than once pledged my wholehearted support behind your program of all out to the countries and peoples fighting fascism, and now I am ready to give my all, yes, my life, to ensure victory over the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis."

"I know that victory of the Axis powers means slavery for the entire American people and chattel slavery for my people—the Negro people. Mr. President, the overwhelming majority of the American people, regardless of race, creed or political beliefs are behind you for the defense of our country."

"Political persecutions, Mr. President, are dangerous, very dangerous in this, the country's greatest emergency."

"Therefore, I sincerely urge you to free Earl Browder as a Christmas gift to the American people. The freedom of Earl Browder will more firmly solidify that national fighting unity of our people in order to throw the full weight of our country into the battle for the inevitable destruction of the Japanese fascists and their Axis partners."
F. M.

'Very Much to My Taste'

Great Neck, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The article by S. W. Gerson on P. R. and the excerpt from Kisch's autobiography in your Nov. 20th issue were very much to my taste.
DR. L. A. E.

Acquisition of Mize Makes Giants Threat

Long Range Punch Will Give Batting Order Big Uplift

Mize's Record as Card

Year	G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	B.A.
1936	128	414	76	136	19	83	.329
1937	145	500	103	204	25	113	.364
1938	140	531	85	179	27	102	.327
1939	153	564	104	197	28	106	.340
1940	155	579	111	182	43	137	.314
1941	126	473	67	150	16	150	.317

Make way for the Giants. . .

The acquisition of Johnny Mize (made public too late for yesterday's edition of the Daily Worker) thrusts Mel Ott's Polo Ground combination into the National League first division. A good right-hand pitcher will make Los Gigantes a pennant-contender.

Believe it or not . . .

The complete revolution in Giant methods has been the sensation of the baseball week, second only to the war and its possible effect upon the national game. Giant activity and the sudden loosening of Giant purse-strings is, as a matter of fact, proof that baseball is going ahead full steam, playing an important role in civilian and soldier morale during the war.

The Mize purchase, which included the transfer of Bill Werber and Ken O'Dea to the Cardinals, gives the Giant a powerful

hitting combination. In addition to big John, who is the most versatile hitter in the National League, Leiber, Ott, Barna and Danning pack long distance wallops. Mize is a soaker to all fields, one who can golf balls into either the left or right field stand. He should be a great attraction at the gate next summer.

Other deals consummated this week include the purchase of Billy Werber as Giant third baseman, and the departure of three old stand-bys, Joe Moore, Moe Amovich and Burgess Whitehead. The latter

goes to Burlington Grimes' Toronto club in the International League. The new Giant line-up may read as follows on opening day:

Rucker, cf
Werber, 3b
Danning, c
Leiber, 1b
Mize, 1b
Ott, rf
Jurgens, ss
Ryan, 2b
Schumacher, p

Possibilities for added pitching strength are good. Johnny Podaly of the Phils, Tom Early of the Braves, Paul Derringer of the Reds, are among the righthanders Ott may have been dicker for. Any one of the three would be a fine acquisition.

Master Melvin has returned to his home in Gretna, La., from whence he departed two weeks ago merely as a nice young man with a job as right fielder. He has put more pep in the local baseball picture than any other man since Larry MacPhail came to town in 1933.

The Dodgers had better look out. . .

CCNY, LIU 5's Face Oklahoma, Oregon in Garden Openers

Holmen Have Tougher Foe, Seen Headed for Heights Brooklynites Reached Last Season

College basketball, which in the space of eight years in the Garden has become the most consistently popular sport around, makes its debut tonight at the 49th Street arena with its customary bang.

The two most promising quintets in the city, CCNY and LIU, clash with two annual powerful visitors, Oklahoma A&M and Oregon.

Although LIU is defending its title as undisputed national collegiate champs of last season, CCNY's clash with Oklahoma is more significant, since the uptown youngsters have the wherewithals to not only replace LIU as the best team in the city, but possibly in the land.

Starting for the Beavers will be the high scoring red headed duo

year. City boasts strong reserves in Juxtenfriend, Miller, Edelstein, Lauren and Drucker.

The Oklahoma Aggies have a record of seven victories in as many tries against metropolitan foes, and beat CCNY last year in the opener. They annually cop their sectional titles and this year are supposed to have the fastest personnel in their history, adding terrific offensive punch to their traditional careful ball control and tight defense. Bud Millikan, one of the four veterans on the starting five, scored 23 points against the Texas Tech team.

LIU is largely dominated by sophomores and is characterized by Clair Bee as a "pet year" team. The best lineup is not yet crystallized. Tall Captain Hank Beenders and altitudinous Dick Holmb, reserve of last year, will start with Saul Cohen, a dead eyed semi-regular of last year, and the Reader twins, two of the four sophomores who helped form scholastic "Wonder Team" at James Madison's High which won 37 straight games. Stan Waxman and Freddy Lewis, the other two Madison boys from the undefeated freshman team, will see plenty of action, with the former liable to clinch a regular spot as the season progresses. He's a tremendously fast forward with great scoring punch.

Oregon as usual has a load of 6 foot 5 boys, including some reputedly good sophs. They play a wide open, fast breaking game. LIU has no need of the visitors for two straight years, through greater ball handling skill and tighter defense. We'll pick the locals to top tonight, with CCNY having the harder job.—RODNEY.

Lineups, Numbers For Tonight's Games

FIRST GAME—8:15 P.M.
No. LIU. Posters Oregon No. 40 Beenders . . . L.F. . . . Fuhman 11
13 Cohen . . . R.F. . . . Wren 11
13 Holmb . . . C. . . . L. Jackson 26
26 H. Rader . . . L.G. . . . P. Jackson 27
27 L. Rader . . . R.G. . . . Andrews 4

LIU Reserves: Lewis (30), Schneider (31), Waxman (34), Fronck (39), Rothberg (39), Kaplan (31), Gorman (32), Fuchstein (43), Sherman (43), Wallerson (44).

Oregon Reserves: Newland (10), Maynard (5), Taylor (10), Marank (10), Kirsch (13), Christiansen (15).
Officials: Pat Grieve and Chuck Solodars.

SECOND GAME
No. CCNY. Posters Oklahoma No. 11 Holman . . . L.F. . . . Eggeston 5
5 Phillips . . . R.F. . . . Newman 26
26 Lash . . . C. . . . Beismeyer 28
28 Levine . . . L.G. . . . Millikan 3
3 Hertzberg . . . R.G. . . . Taylor 6

CCNY Reserves: Delichman (3), Edelstein (4), Levine (10), Drucker (13), Juxtenfriend (13), Miller (14), Shinkark (15), Lauren (17).

Oklahoma Reserves: Scheffel (3), Madson (7), Durham (9), Bell (20), Herron (24), Aubrey (27), Bogert (28), Wigninton (30), Glavis (36).
Officials: Pat Kennedy and Jerry Molloy.

FLASH—ARKY VAUGHAN TO DODGERS FOR FOUR PLAYERS

Pirate Star Comes to B'klyn for Phelps, Hamlin, Coscarart and Wasdell—Slated to Play Third Base

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12 (UP).—The Pittsburgh baseball club announced tonight it has traded shortstop Arky Vaughan to the Brooklyn Dodgers for catcher Babe Phelps, pitcher Luke Hamlin and two other players.

In addition to the Phelps-Hamlin battery, the Pirates obtained second baseman Pete Coscarart and James Wasdell, outfielder and first baseman.

On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney

Just as we were about to put the sports page to bed the news came in of the Dodger-Pirate trade. Arky Vaughan for Hamlin, Phelps, Coscarart and Wasdell. Well, well. You want a three-minute appraisal? Vaughan is one of the best left-handed hitters in the league, still pretty young, but apparently gone a bit stale in the Pittsburgh setting, where he'd been since he broke into the majors. You can look for him to have a better year than he's had in some time.

The dual psychological uplift of a change from a second division club to a winner and the change of scenery in general usually has that effect. Which doesn't imply in the least that Arky wasn't doing his best for the Pirates. It just usually works out that way.

Unless Peeewe Reese goes into a tailspin, Arky figures to hold down third base, which paves the way for the Lavagetto for Melton trade both the Dodgers and Giants were anxious to make recently. The Terry-oops, Ottmen have acquired Billy Werber from the Reds but would still like Cookie's pull hitting in their batting order, which is beginning to look like something for the Dodgers to worry about with Johnny Mize and all.

The Dodgers gave up four players who all similarly figure to do better in other pastures, cockeyed as that seems in view of our loser-to-winner angle on Vaughan. Phelps hasn't gotten along with MacPhail and Duncanson. Hamlin has had his tiffs with the headman and doesn't think he's been handled right. Both should help Pittsburgh and Luke might embarrass the Dodgers on a good day more than once. Coscarart should welcome the chance to play regularly again. The young Basque from the Coast is a magnificent fielding second sacker and we always have felt he's been unfairly dismissed as a "weak hitter" because of his second year lapse, the sort of thing that's happened to more ball players than Pete.

Coscarart would rather have the chance to prove himself as a regular with the second division Pirates than sit on the bench at bigger money with the Dodgers—World's Series cut or no.

Wasdell was an invaluable utility man in the Dodger pennant drive and somehow part of the "team of destiny" spirit. It seems a shame for him to leave and re-appear in the enemy gray, but that's baseball. Sentiment is valued, but isn't placed first. There'll be one good hand for Jimmy the first time he appears against the Dodgers at Ebbets Field and from there on he's just another Pirate.

Sum total—trade is good for both clubs and all the players involved except Wasdell probably are happy about it.

The first boxing card to follow the Louis-Baer title match for the Service will feature Chester Rico and Julie Kogan at the Coliseum. More will follow. Baer, incidentally, is NOT donating his end of the Louis gate to the Services. He pleads comparative poverty, but considering the fact that he's getting a second crack at the title only through the magnificent gesture of the champ, he might re-consider. Ed, Buddy?

Late Court Scores
Ohio State 38, Great Lakes Naval Training Station 32.
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BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 11 (UP).—The University of California-Georgia Tech post-season football game, scheduled for Dec. 27 in Berkeley, was cancelled tonight at request of Georgia Tech authorities. Prof. A. H. Armstrong, Georgia Tech faculty representative, advised from Atlanta that a number of Georgia Tech players were expected to be called into military or naval service immediately.

Scribes Rate Conn, Baer 1st Contenders
Here is the way the boxing scribes listed the various divisions. Joe Louis' two most prominent contenders are Billy Conn and Buddy Baer, both of whom he knocked out last year. The champion is named first automatically in these ratings, which are just to list the position of contenders. Which explains welter champ Red Cochrane being listed ahead of Ray Robinson.

HEAVYWEIGHT—Champion Joe Louis, Chicago, 1, Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, 2, Buddy Baer, California.
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WELTERWEIGHT—Champion Red Cochrane, U. S. Navy, 1, Ray Robinson, New York City, 2, Young Kid McCoy, Detroit.

LIGHTWEIGHT—Champion Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Tex., 1, Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, 2, Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.

FEATHERWEIGHT—Champion Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, 1, "Pittsburgh Jack" Wilson, Pittsburgh, 2, Ritchie Lemos, California.
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